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Electoral rolls: 27.08 lakh entries deleted in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Draft Electoral Roll - 2023, published in Karnataka on Wednesday, shows that around 27.08 lakh entries have been deleted across the State since January 2022, as part of the revision process to remove duplicate and fake entries, and update the list with data of deaths and migration during the period. On the other hand, 11.13 lakh new voters have enrolled during the same period. This has effectively reduced the number of voters on the State's Draft Electoral Roll - 2023 by 15.95 lakh, compared to the Final Electoral Rolls - 2022.

The Draft Electoral Rolls - 2023, published in Bengaluru city by BBMP, shows that 6.84 lakh entries have been deleted during the same period.

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Kerala moves to remove Governor as Chancellor

Renowned academic experts will head universities, says Kerala Cabinet; if Governor refuses to promulgate an ordinance, the LDF govt. may introduce a Bill in the Assembly to remove him

G. Anand
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

In the latest escalation of its running battle with Governor Arif Mohammed Khan, the Kerala government on Wednesday decided to remove him as Chancellor of State universities, seeking to replace him with "renowned academic experts".

The State Cabinet on Wednesday resolved to request the Governor himself to promulgate an ordinance removing him from the position. This would divest him of his powers as Chancellor, and at one stroke, render the Raj Bhavan remote from all aspects of university governance.

In an official statement, the Cabinet noted that the M.M. Punchhi Commission, constituted in 2007 by the then-Congress-led Union government to study Centre-State relations, had vouched against granting Governors the power of Chancellors. The Commission had recommended that State governments desist from burdening Governors with the Chancellor's role the statement said.

The Cabinet's decision came as no surprise. On Sunday, Communist Party of India (Marxist) State secretary M.V. Govindan hinted the party would go to any extent to insulate the jurisdictional autonomy of universities from Mr. Khan's alleged trespasses.

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Escalating row

Amid the rising conflict with Governor **Arif Mohammed Khan**, the Kerala Cabinet decides to remove him as Chancellor of State universities

THE ORDINANCE: State Cabinet resolves to request the Governor himself to promulgate an ordinance removing him from the position

THE IMPACT: The Governor will be divested of his powers as Chancellor and will be kept away from all aspects of university governance

THE STATE'S REASONING: M.M. Punchhi Commission had recommended that States desist from burdening Governors with the Chancellor's role

T.N. MPs send memorandum

CHENNAI
The memorandum signed by Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members of the ruling DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance seeking removal of Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi has been submitted to Rashtrapati Bhavan, the DMK said in an official statement. » PAGE 7

Not sitting on Bills: Tamilisai

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Refuting charges that her office was sitting on Bills forwarded by the Telangana government for her assent, Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan said she is taking time to assess the Bills before giving her approval. » PAGE 7

Republicans make gains in U.S. midterm polls but no 'red wave'

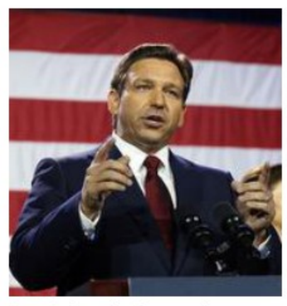
Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

Republicans appeared poised on Wednesday to eke out a slim majority in the U.S. House of Representatives but their hopes of a "red wave" in midterm elections were dashed as President Joe Biden's Democrats outperformed expectations.

It was a disappointing night for Donald Trump, who was counting on a powerful Republican showing to boost his expected 2024 run to return to White House.

He also saw his main rival for the party's presidential nomination, Ron DeSantis, record a thumping victory to remain Governor of Florida.

With three key races yet to be called after Tuesday's vote, the Senate remained in play but it was leaning Democratic and control may hinge on a run-off election in the southern State of Georgia in December. Republicans seemed on track to reclaim the 435-member House for the first time since 2018, but by a handful of seats, a far cry from their predictions.



Ron DeSantis gives a victory speech in Tampa, Florida. AFP

Top Republican Kevin McCarthy, who had forecast a pickup of as many as 60 House seats, put on a brave face after the underwhelming showing. "It is clear that we are going to take the House back," said Mr. McCarthy.

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U.B. Banakar resigns from BJP, corporation posts

HUBBALLI
Former MLA for Hirekerur U.B. Banakar has tendered his resignation from the posts of chairman of the Karnataka Warehousing Corporation and director of the Veerashaiva Lingayat Development Corporation and from the membership of BJP. » PAGE 6

'Police using unlawful ways to get back money'

BENGALURU
The cyber police are adopting "unlawful" means to get lost money back to complainants, and are closing the issue in digital payment fraud cases without conducting an investigation to unearth the fraud, the High Court of Karnataka has said. » PAGE 3

Satish Jarkiholi withdraws statement as BJP protests

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

As the BJP launched protests against him and the Congress distanced itself from his remarks, Satish Jarkiholi, KPCC working president, has withdrawn his statement on the origin of the term "Hindu" that had turned controversial. In a letter to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, he expressed regret "if the statement has caused distress to anyone".

However, Mr. Jarkiholi stuck to his demand for an official inquiry into the origins of the term "Hindu" and into "attempts to create confusion over his remark" and quoting him out of context. He requested Mr. Bommai to constitute a panel to conduct an inquiry into the "conspiracy to defame him."

The Congress leader stuck to his demand for an official inquiry into the origins of the term 'Hindu'

People close to him said that he consented to withdraw the statement after pressure from senior Congress leaders. On Tuesday, there was protests by BJP in Belagavi, Bengaluru, and other places and it had threatened to escalate.

In his letter to Mr. Bommai, Mr. Jarkiholi said his statements were based on articles in Wikipedia, dictionaries, and writings by historians. "However, some vested interests are trying to portray me as anti-Hindu," he said.

At a rally organised by Manava Bandhutva Vedike in Nippani on November 6, he had said that the term 'Hindu' was of Persian origin and not Indian. Speaking in Hindi and Marathi, he had said that the origin of the term was "dirty and insulting". However, the Congress dissociated from his statement.

Reacting to the episode, Mr. Bommai, who was in Raibag for the Jana Sankalpa Yatre rally, said the Congress lacked consistency on the issue. While Mr. Jarkiholi says he will not apologise, Mr. Shivakumar has condemned it. Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, however, is trying to evade the issue, he said.

Rattled hills

People stand outside collapsed houses after an earthquake struck the western district of Doti in Nepal early on Wednesday killing six persons. Tremors were felt in Delhi, surrounding areas of Ghaziabad, Gurugram and in Lucknow. AP (REPORT: PAGE 13)

DPUE takes back circular mandating colleges to bring students for PM's event

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Following outrage from opposition parties and a section of the people, the Department of Pre-University Education withdrew the circular mandating colleges in Bengaluru Rural district to bring students for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's events on November 11.

Deputy Director of Pre University Education (DDPUE) of Bengaluru Rural District had issued a circular asking colleges in the district to bring students, failing which he warned that the principals would be responsible for its consequences. Dayanand, DDPUE, Bengaluru Rural District, had told *The Hindu* that the district administration had set a target to mobilise 8,000 students from the district colleges for the PM's event.

However, soon after the circular was shared widely on social media drawing criticism from many quarters, the circular was withdrawn on Tuesday late night, reportedly on the instructions of the higher officials of the department.

D.K. Shivakumar, president, KPCC, on Wednesday sarcastically said he "sympathised" with the BJP for depending on college students to fill up the chairs during the Prime Minister's programme. He said the circular was an "insult to the nation and the Prime Minister" and demanded the resignation of the Minister responsible for the fiasco.

'No worsening in severity of illness for OCD patients during COVID'

K.C. Deepika
BENGALURU

The worst of the COVID-19 pandemic may be behind us, but its impact continues to be felt differently by all sections. With all the emphasis on personal hygiene and social distancing, one would assume that those battling Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) would have suffered from worsening symptoms. Contrary to this perception, a study by the NIMHANS, 'Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the short-term course of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder,' showed that there was no worsening in the severity of illness during the pandemic, and very few patients developed COVID-19-related obsessive-compulsive symptoms.

The study – Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the short-term course of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder – was published in *The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease.* FILE PHOTO

The study, published in *The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease,* was conducted by the team from NIMHANS's OCD Clinic, which is marking its 25th year now.

According to the study, the OCD pandemic cohort consisted of a consecutive group of patients who attended the OCD clinic for a follow-up visit between October 1, 2019, and February 29, 2020. They were telephonically interviewed over two weeks between April 26 and May 12, 2020, which is approximately two months after COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the WHO.

"We also reviewed the clinical charts of an independent group of patients with OCD (historical controls) who were followed up at the OCD clinic a year before the "pandemic cohort" (i.e., between October 2018 and February 2019) and had another follow-up visit between April and May 2019 to compare their relapse rate with that of the pandemic cohort. In all, our sample included 240 pandemic OCD subjects and 207 historical OCD controls," said the authors.

What they found was, what the authors term, "counterintuitive and reassuring," because most subjects with OCD on stable medication seem to have withstood the impact of COVID-19, at least in the short term. "We systematically evaluated the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on OCD in a large sample of patients with OCD who were mostly stabilised on treatment, with over half having responded to medication. The main findings of our study are: subjects with OCD did not seem to have any worsening in the severity of illness during the pandemic compared with historical controls during the same period in the previous year; relapse rates among the pandemic OCD group are similar to those in the historical control group; and very few patients developed COVID-19-related obsessive-compulsive symptoms."

Y.C. Janardhan Reddy, Head, Department of Psychiatry and OCD Clinic, NIMHANS, told *The Hindu,* "During COVID-19, there was much emphasis on social distancing and washing hands in a ritualised manner. Doing therapy became difficult all over the world. Some people developed OCD. There was some increase, but not in our clinic. We were expecting a big number."

The authors of the study point to the important clinical implications of the findings: "Most of our patients were on stable doses of Serotonin Re-uptake Inhibitors (SRIs) and/or augmenting agents and were largely adherent to treatment. It implies that continued treatment with medications may have prevented worsening/relapse during the pandemic and lockdown. In the background of continued and understandable concern about the possibility of OCD worsening due to the pandemic, our study offers some solace in the fact that SRIs may have a protective role against a relapse/worsening of the severity of illness," say the authors.

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More than one crore voters are above the age of eighty in India

2.49 In lakh, the number of voters aged above 100 in India, according to Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar. Moreover, there are 1.8 crore voters over 80 years of age, Mr. Kumar said after flagging off a bicycle rally in Pune to create awareness about voter registration as part of the national launch of a special summary revision of the voters' list. PTI

IMF agrees to fund Bangladesh to fight economic crisis

4.5 In $ billion, the amount the International Monetary Fund (IMF) agreed to loan Bangladesh to stabilise the country's economy. Bangladesh is the third South Asian nation after Sri Lanka and Pakistan to secure a bailout package from the IMF to tide over the sharp rise in food and energy prices caused by the pandemic and inflation due to the Russia-Ukraine war. PTI

Facebook-parent Meta lays off almost 13% of its workforce

11,000 The number of people laid off by Facebook parent Meta, about 13% of its workforce, as it contends with faltering revenue and broader tech industry woes, CEO Mark Zuckerberg informed its employees. The job cuts come just a week after widespread layoffs at Twitter under its new owner, Elon Musk. AP

Retail electric vehicle sales soar in October, says FADA

185 In percentage, the year-on-year surge in the overall retail sales of electric vehicles (EVs), including passenger vehicles (PEV), in India to 1.11 lakh units in October, according to automobile dealers' body FADA. The total passenger EV sales rose 178% to 3,745 units in October 2022 as against the 1,346 PEVs retailed in the year-ago period. PTI

Dropout students re-join schools in Jammu and Kashmir

14,000 The number of dropouts to rejoin their schools during the just concluded fourth phase of the Back-to-Village (B2V) programme in Jammu and Kashmir, according to officials. The readmission of 13,977 school dropouts into schools, stands out as the biggest achievement of the programme. PTI

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In the hopes for a clear blue sky

How far back does Delhi's air pollution problem go? What policy measures have been taken over the decades by the Union and State governments? What are the major pollutants contributing to the increased PM2.5 levels in the capital? Have the measures taken by the State been effective?

EXPLAINER

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:

Last week, Delhi was once again covered in a haze of smog– witnessing very poor air quality, a phenomenon that has become a trend during the winter months. As the situation becomes an annually recurring one, here's a look at how far back it goes and what policies have been adopted by the Centre and Delhi's elected governments to curb air pollution over the years.

When did Delhi start acting against air pollution?

In March 1995, the Supreme Court, while hearing a plea by environmentalist and lawyer M.C. Mehta about Delhi's polluting industries, noted that Delhi was the world's fourth most polluted city in terms of concentration of suspended particulate matter (SPM) in the ambient atmosphere as per the World Health Organization's 1989 report. The Court took note of two polluting factors – vehicles and industries, and in 1996 ordered the closure and relocation of over 1,300 highly-polluting industries from Delhi's residential areas beyond the National Capital Region (NCR) in a phased manner. In 1996, Mr. Mehta filed another public interest litigation (PIL) alleging that vehicular emissions were leading to air pollution and that it posed a public health hazard. In the same year, a report about Delhi's air pollution by the Centre for Science and Environment made the apex court issue a notice to the Delhi government to submit an action plan to curb pollution. Both matters were later merged.

Later that year, the Delhi government submitted an action plan. The Supreme Court, recognising the need for technical assistance and advice in decision-making and implementation of its orders, asked the Ministry of Environment and Forests (now the Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change – MoEFCC) to establish an authority for Delhi, leading to the creation of the Environmental Pollution Control Authority of Delhi NCR (EPCA) in 1998. The EPCA submitted its report containing a two-year action plan in June of that year and the Supreme Court subsequently ordered the Delhi Trasport Corporation (DTC) bus fleet, taxis, and autos to switch to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), and the phasing out of all pre-1990 autos. Other measures between the late 1990s and early 2000s included the complete removal of leaded petrol, removal of 15 and 17-year-old commercial vehicles and a cap of 55,000 on the number of two-stroke engine auto rickshaws (which reports at the time said were contributing to 80% of pollution in the city). Coal-based power plants within Delhi were also converted to gas-based ones.

Around the same time, the Centre decided to establish a network of monitoring stations under the National Air Quality Programme (NAMP) to measure key pollutants. Under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) specified by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), pollutants like PM10 (particulate matter with a diameter exceeding 10 microns), sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides were measured.

How were air quality standards revised?

The NAAQS were revised in 2009 to include 12 categories of pollutants including PM2.5 (particulate matter with a diameter under 2.5 microns) – a noxious pollutant which can penetrate deep into the lungs and even enter the bloodstream, resulting in cardiovascular and respiratory impacts. Particulate Matter (PM) is primarily generated by fuel combustion from different sectors, including transport, energy, households, industry and agriculture.

According to the revised NAAQS, the acceptable annual limit for PM2.5 is 40 micrograms per cubic metre (ug/m3) and 60 ug/m3 for PM10. The renewed WHO standards meanwhile, prescribe an accepted annual average of 5 ug/m3 for PM2.5 and 15 ug/m3 for PM10.

While PM2.5 as a pollutant was only included in 2009, a computer modelling study by UrbanEmissions.Info re-analysed the pan-India PM2.5 concentration from 1998 to 2020 and found that Delhi was the most polluted of all States/UTs each year through all the 23 years. Delhi's annual PM2.5 levels increased by 40% from 80 g/m3 to 111 g/m3. Another study by the U.S.-based Health Effects Institute released this year, studying data between 2010 and 2019, also found Delhi to be the most polluted city in the world in terms of PM2.5 levels.

In the winter of 2016, Delhi witnessed one of its worst incidents of pollution-induced smog, with PM2.5 and PM10 levels reaching a whopping 999 ug/m3 in parts of Delhi on November 1.

Subsequently, the Supreme Court in November 2016 told Delhi and NCR authorities to form a plan to deal with the air pollution, and the MoEFCC in early 2017 came out with the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), which involved coordination between multiple agencies in Delhi to activate pollution control measures corresponding to the increasing Air Quality Index (AQI) levels.

What led to high pollution in Delhi?

Multiple studies over the years, including the Delhi Pollution Control Committee's (DPCC) 2019 report by IIT Delhi and Madras experts, found that the rapid growth in Delhi's population, industrialisation and urbanisation, and increase in motorised private vehicle fleet led to the high concentration of air pollutants such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and ozone.

Between 2001 and 2011, Delhi saw a population spurt from 1.378 crore to 1.678 crore. As of 2011, the population of Delhi and NCR was 25.8 million or 7.6% of India's urban population. While Delhi's total area is 1,483 square kilometres (sq km), the population density grew from 9,340 persons per sq km in 2001 to 11,320 persons per sq km in 2011. From around 4.2 million motor vehicles registered in 2004 in Delhi alone, the registered vehicles increased to around 10.9 million in March 2018.

As for the burning of farm residue or stubble in Delhi's neighbouring States, researchers have emphasised the need for airshed management, along with improved machinery subsidies and alternatives to crop burning

While multiple polluting industries were moved out of Delhi in the 1990s, it still has one of the biggest clusters of small-scale industries. The CPCB notes that several of Delhi's polluting industrial clusters do not meet air, water, and soil standards. The Najafgarh drain basin, which houses multiple industrial areas, is the most polluted cluster in India with its air and water being in the 'critical' category.

What are the measures taken to tackle major polluters?

UrbanEmissions.Info combined officially available information and its modelling studies to infer that the share of vehicular exhaust contributing to Delhi's PM2.5 pollution is up to 30% while soil and road dust is up to 20%, biomass burning is 20%, industries is up to 15%, diesel generators up to 10%, power plants up to 5% and notably, the share of pollution from outside Delhi's urban airshed (like stubble burning in neighbouring States) is up to 30%.

Multiple researchers have alleged that the policy approach and measures taken by the Central and State authorities for specific polluting sectors over the years have been fragmented and often reactive. IIT-Bombay professor Vinish Kathuria noted in the *Economic and Political Weekly* that the 2002 public transport overhaul to CNG did not yield the desired results. While SPM and PM10 levels fell marginally, carbon monoxide levels increased.

Meanwhile, due to the Supreme Court's 55,000 cap on two-stroke auto rickshaws, the sector could not grow, leading to black marketing of permits. Studies note that between 1997 and 2011, Delhi's population grew by 45% and registered cars and two-wheelers grew by 250%, meaning the lower availability of autos could have likely contributed to increased private vehicle ownership. Besides, Delhi still does not have the required public bus fleet vis-a-vis demand.

Researchers have also noted challenges with newer policies like the odd-even vehicular rationing rule applying only to private vehicles. A study by IIT Delhi's Rahul Goel noted that although vehicular emissions contribute 25% to Delhi's PM2.5 levels, passenger vehicles contribute just 8%, of which cars constitute 5%. This means that if all passenger vehicles within Delhi stopped operating, PM2.5 levels would reduce by an average of 8%, but the remaining 17%, contributed by heavy freight vehicles, would remain as it is not covered under the odd-even rule.

Experts also point out that a coordinated response factoring in Delhi's waste management has to be taken to reduce air pollution.

While the daily waste generation rate in Delhi is over 10,000 tons, the capacity of its already overflowing landfills to collect and manage garbage is under 6,000 tons. This leads to the practice of burning waste around residential areas. Reports show that garbage is also burnt illegally in landfills when curbs are in place.

As for the burning of farm residue or stubble in Delhi's neighbouring States – Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan – researchers have emphasised the need for airshed management, along with improved machinery subsidies from the government and alternatives to crop burning. An airshed is a common geographic area where pollutants get trapped.

One major argument for the failure to tackle Delhi's pollution problems is that a large proportion of these polluting sources are present all year round and high pollution levels are mainly witnessed in winter months due to unfavourable meteorological conditions, meaning stop-gap and seasonal measures often yield unsatisfactory outcomes.

India's PM2.5 levels through the years

A computer modelling study by Urban Emissions.Info re-analysed the pan-India PM2.5 concentration from 1998 to 2020 and found that Delhi was the most polluted of all States/UTs in each of these years. Here we show the maps from 2000 with a five-year gap till 2020

PM 2.5 ug/m3 — India annual standard = 40; WHO annual guideline = 5

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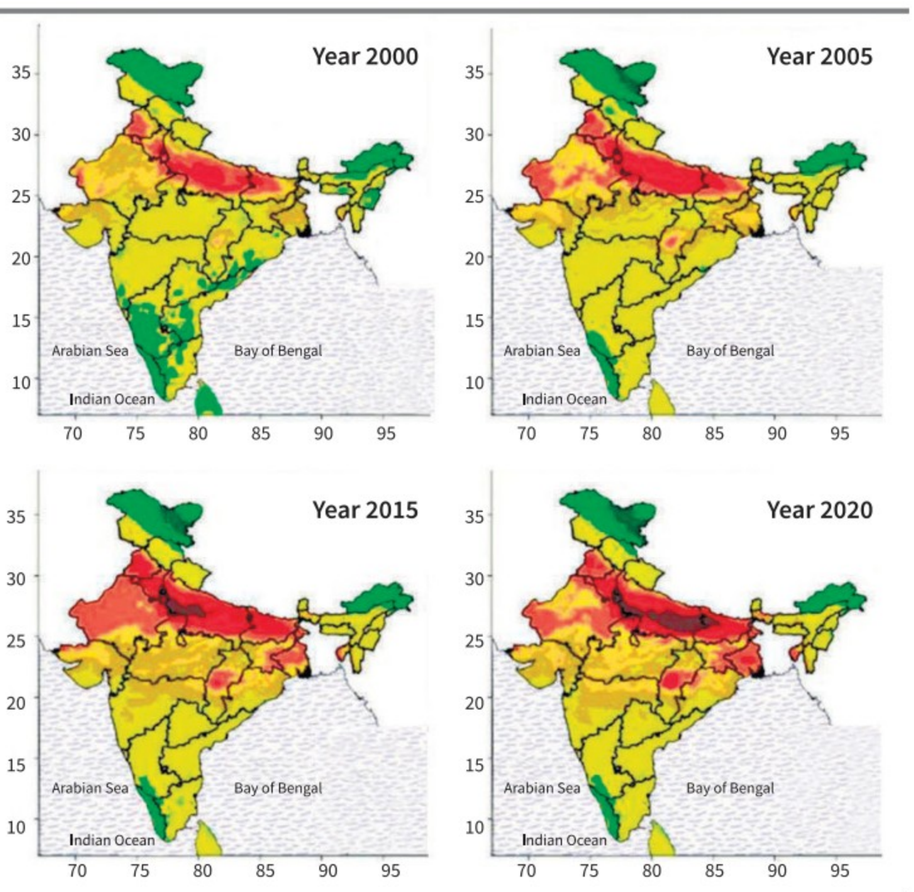

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The Offer is being made under Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations.
QIB Portion: Not more than 50% of the Offer | Non-Institutional Portion: Not less than 15% of the Offer
Retail Portion: Not less than 35% of the Offer

PRICE BAND: ₹ 450 TO ₹ 474 PER EQUITY SHARE
THE FLOOR PRICE IS 450 TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES AND
THE CAP PRICE IS 474 TIMES THE FACE VALUE OF THE EQUITY SHARES.
BIDS CAN BE MADE FOR A MINIMUM OF 31 EQUITY SHARES AND IN MULTIPLES OF 31 EQUITY SHARES THEREAFTER.

Risks to Investors:

- The weighted average cost of acquisition of Equity Shares transacted by the Promoters, Promoter Group and Selling Shareholders in the one year, three years and eighteen months immediately preceding the date of the Red Herring Prospectus is as follows:

Period	Weighted Average Cost of Acquisition (in ₹)*^	Cap Price (₹ 474) is 'X' times the Weighted Average Cost of Acquisition	Range of acquisition price: lowest price-highest price (in ₹)^
Last one year	490.67	0.97	490.67
Last three years	241.77	1.96	1 - 490.67
Last eighteen months	386.59	1.23	1 - 490.67

^ As certified by R P S V & Co., Chartered Accountants by way of their certificate dated November 1, 2022.

** Weighted average cost means total Equity Share capital including securities premium issued during last one year, three years and eighteen months preceding the date of the Red Herring Prospectus divided by total number of Equity Shares.*

- The Price/ Earnings ratio based on diluted EPS for FY 2022 for our Company at upper end of price band is as high as 29.77x compared to the average industry peer group P/E ratio of 40.84x.
- Weighted average return of Net Worth for FY 2022, FY 2021 and FY 2020 is 15.11% and Return on Net Worth for the three months ended June 30, 2022 is 3.69% (not annualised).
- Average cost of acquisition of Equity Shares held by the Promoters and Selling Shareholders ranges from ₹ 0.50 to ₹ 186.04 per Equity Share and the Offer Price at upper end of the Price Band is ₹ 474 per Equity Share.

RISK FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR COMPANY ARE:

- We require substantial capital for our business and any disruption in our sources of capital could have an adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.
- The risk of non-payment or default by our borrowers may adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition and our customers may delay and/or default on their repayment obligations due to various reasons. For our customers who earned not more than ₹ 25,000 per month, during the three months ended June 30, 2022 and the Financial Years 2022, 2021 and 2020, ₹ 309.58 million, 0.58% of our total Gross Term Loans, ₹ 259.40 million, 0.51% of our total Gross Term Loans, ₹ 150.79 million, 0.34% of our total Gross Term Loans, ₹ 162.30 million and 0.42% of our total Gross Term Loans of our total Gross Term Loans, respectively, experienced default in repayment obligations, (i.e. were in the 90+ DPD category).
- Our inability to meet our obligations, including financial and other covenants under our debt financing arrangements, could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition. As of June 30, 2022, our Total Borrowings were ₹ 25,203.19 million.
- We have had negative net cash flows in the past and may continue to have negative cash flows in the future.
- The four Book Running Lead Managers associated with the Offer have handled 64 public issues of equity shares in past three years out of which 22 issues closed below the issue price on listing date.

Name of the BRLMs	Total Issues	Issues Closed below IPO pricing on listing day
ICICI Securities Limited*	22	9
Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (India) Private Limited*	-	-
Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited*	9	1
Edelweiss Financial Services Limited*	4	2
Common Issues of above BRLMs	29	10
Total	64	22

**Issues handled where there were no common BRLMs*

BID/ OFFER SCHEDULE

BID/ OFFER OPEN

BID/ OFFER CLOSES ON NOVEMBER 11, 2022[(1)]

[(1)] *UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 5.00 pm on the Bid/ Offer Closing Date.*

THE EQUITY SHARES OF OUR COMPANY WILL GET LISTED ON MAIN BOARD PLATFORM OF BSE AND NSE

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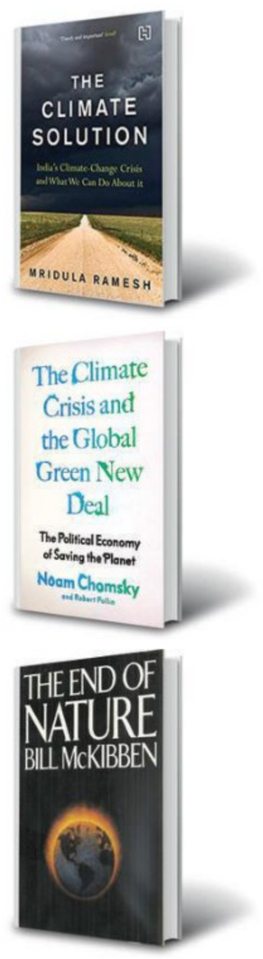

Ready for action: Activists from Greenpeace India participate in a demonstration to raise awareness about climate change at Chellanam beach in Kochi on November 8. PTI

On climate action: books that tell us what is happening and what can be done

Climate change can no longer be ignored as the world battles an energy crisis, record greenhouse gas concentrations and extreme weather. Here are a list of books which outline the history of global warming and its environmental and socio-political effects

Soma Basu

Climate change is no longer a subject of discussion for scientists alone. It never actually was. The tardiness in understanding and accepting the challenges of climate change has delayed the process of making choices that are good for the planet. From politicians to policy makers, people in general are unable to see the existential threat because it has not affected them directly, yet. The COP27, this year's most important climate conference underway in Egypt right now, has been described as the make-or-break moment for global action to get the Earth's rising temperature under control. We often read books to escape from reality, but it is perhaps important to now seriously read the ones on climate change, so that we and our successive generations are invested in safeguarding our lives.

The first warnings

After Swedish scientist Svante Arrhenius published a seminal paper in 1896 predicting that changes in atmospheric carbon dioxide levels could alter the surface temperature through the greenhouse effect, British engineer Guy Callendar, in 1938, linked the rising carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere to global temperature. Scientists began to worry about climate change in the late 1950s and began to unite for action in the 1980s.

While the warnings escalated at various forums, Bill McKibben's *The End of Nature*, published by Random House in 1989, is considered to be among the first books on global warming, written for common readers. The author apparently penned down his lament on Nature thinking that by simply stating the problem, people would be provoked into action. His book drew attention to core issues such as the greenhouse effect, acid rain, and the depletion of the ozone layer.

However, the perils of climate change as we decipher today were known by 1979. *Losing Earth: The Decade We Could Have Stopped Climate Change* is Nathaniel Rich's ground breaking chronicle of events from 1979 to 1989, when the world came close to signing international treaties which could have put the brakes on the acceleration of global warming. While scientists and activists sounded the alarm, the book reveals the genesis of the fossil fuel industry and the birth of climate denialism and how politicians and businesses worked to thwart climate policy through misinformation. Rich's cautionary tale of the climate battles ahead is a riveting work much like John Hershey's *Hiroshima* and Jonathan Schell's *The Fate of the Earth* that articulate a moral framework for understanding how we got into this situation which could end all life on Earth, and how we must act to avoid a catastrophe. Rich wrote in his 2019 book that when the condition and time were favourable for solving climate crisis, "nothing stood in between except ourselves". True to his words, each successive year, we belched increasing quantities of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere by burning coal, gas and oil.

Fossil fuel burning

The indiscriminate burning of fossil fuel continues to be the villain in the climate crisis. Another wonderful publication is the 2008 book *Hot, Flat and Crowded: Why We Need A Green Revolution* by Pulitzer Prize winner Thomas Friedman, wherein he explains the urgent need to expand national renewables and a rapid shift to clean energy. According to Friedman, climate change has presented a unique opportunity to bring forth innovation and transform national economies.

In 2020, Noam Chomsky and Robert Pollin's *Climate Crisis and the Global Green New Deal: The Political Economy of Saving The Planet* mapped out the irreversible consequences of unchecked climate change. Their book presents a blueprint for change, while highlighting the forecasts of a hotter planet: how vast stretches of the Earth will become uninhabitable, plagued by extreme weather, drought, rising seas, and crop failure. They also argue that it is entirely feasible to cease fossil fuel burning within the next 30 years.

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Another 2020 book, *Our Final Warning: Six degrees of Climate Emergency* by Mark Lynas, catalogues the latest climate science and charts the likely impact of global heating. At one degree – the world we are already living in – vast wildfires scorch California and Australia and monster hurricanes devastate coastal cities. At two degrees, the Arctic ice cap melts away and coral reefs disappear from the tropics. At three, the world begins to run out of food, threatening millions with starvation. At four, large areas of the globe are too hot for human habitation, erasing entire nations and turning billions into climate refugees. At five, the planet is warmer than the past 55 million years and at six, a mass extinction of unparalleled proportions sweeps the planet. It is a death knell and time is running out. But the authors, like many scientists, believe that the escalating consequences can still be avoided if we stop burning fossil fuels within a decade as a must mitigation measure and if countries adopt the binding agreement for reducing carbon emissions to limit future warming.

Climate scientist Peter Kalmus embarked on a journey to change his life and the world. He began by bicycling and growing his own food and slashed his climate impact to one tenth of the U.S. average.

Published in 2017, *Being The Change*, his book is inspirational for those who want take climate action, but are unsure of where to start.

What India needs to do

In the 2021 Global Climate Risk Index, India ranks as the seventh most impacted country in the world.

Indian authors such as Vandana Shiva (*Staying Alive: Women, Ecology, and Development*) and Amitav Ghosh (*The Great Derangement: Climate Change and the Unthinkable*) throw light on the current environmental crisis. Mridula Ramesh in her book *The Climate Solution: India's Climate Change Crisis and What Can We Do About It* comprehensively focusses on green sources of power and talks about climate warriors who have helped reverse the effects by adapting sustainable methodologies.

With a clear understanding of climate change, its history and impact over the decades, the author gives a checklist of actions that everyone can implement to fight climate change. Till then, the growing energy crisis, record greenhouse gas concentrations and extreme weather events will continue to be a danger we need to be prepared for.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"What is the meaning of 'The speaker applied the guillotine to the bill', sir?

" 'To apply the guillotine' means to stop any further discussion of a bill. It is a method of cutting short the discussion on a bill in Parliament 'by fixing times for taking votes'.

The Government will bring in a guillotine resolution.

The word is from the name of a French physician, Joseph Ignase Guillotine (1738-1814). It was at his suggestion that the guillotine was used first in 1789 for beheading criminals. The guillotine 'consisted of a heavy knife blade sliding between grooved posts'. This is the original meaning of 'guillotine'. The word is pronounced 'gileteen'. The 'g' is pronounced like the 'g' in 'gift' and the 'o' before 't' is pronounced like the final sound in China and 'i' as in 'feel' and 'peel'. Some stress the word on the first syllable 'gil' and others on the second syllable 'tin'. Both are acceptable.

"Mr. K. Panchapagesan of Madras wants to know whether it is correct to say "May I know your good name please?'. He is worried about the expression 'good name'."

"Native speakers do not use this expression. They generally say "May I know your name please?". The expression 'good name' is widely used in the north. I do not see any reason why we should not use it. It has got nothing to do with grammar; it is more a cultural thing. It is nice to be told that your name is good. I do not expect 'Mr. Savage' or 'Mr. Butcher' to get angry when you say "May I know your good name please". They will be pleasantly surprised. 'Good name' has a nice Indian flavour and I do not object to this at all"

"What is the meaning of 'The teacher is not worth his salt', sir?"

"It means that the teacher is not efficient or capable, that he is not worth the money that he is being paid. It is usually used in the negative.

The engineer is not worth his salt.

He is very lazy and is not worth his salt."

"How do you pronounce 'circuit', sir?"

" 'Cir' rhymes with 'fur', 'cur' and 'her'. The 'r' is silent. 'Cuit' is pronounced 'kit'. It rhymes with 'pit'and 'bit'. The stress is on the first syllable 'cir'. Let's stop here for the day. Good bye."

"Thank you, sir. Good bye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Twitter has been in the news since billionaire Elon Musk took ownership. Here's a quiz on the social networking service

Ranjani Srinivasan

QUESTION 1
On March 21, 2006, the first Twitter message, "just setting up my twttr", was posted by whom?

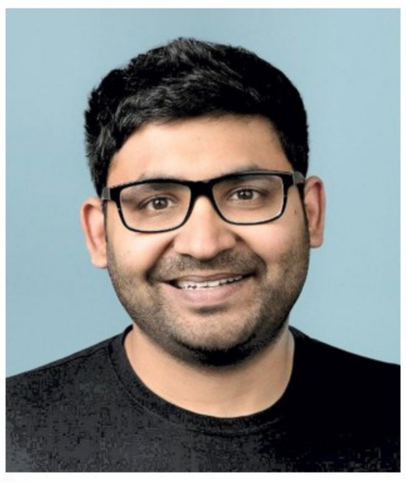
QUESTION 2
The 2009 version of the Twitter logo was named 'Larry' after which NBA star who played for the Boston Celtics?

QUESTION 3
Identify this user-generated metadata tag used by Twitter and Instagram to enable cross-referencing of content by topic and theme.

QUESTION 4
Which historical limit did Twitter change in 2017 to allow users to express themselves better on the platform?

QUESTION 5
Which feature was launched in June 2009 after Twitter was slammed by Kanye West and sued by Tony La Russa over accounts run by impersonators?

QUESTION 6
Twitter's most followed account belongs to an American politician and a Democrat. Name this world leader.



Visual question:
Before taking over Twitter, this former CEO of Twitter was in charge of an initiative to develop a decentralised social network protocol. Name him and the initiative. PTI

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:

1. A law passed by Parliament in 2000 gave birth to this State, carved out from this existing State. The new State is known for its rich presence of mineral and forest resources. **Ans: Jharkhand from Bihar**
2. This State was formed in January 1971 and became the 18th State of India. **Ans: Himachal Pradesh**
3. This Indian historian and journalist who played an important role in the unification of this State is honoured as the State's high priest. He started a newspaper, to strive for its Statehood. **Ans: Aluru Venkata Rao of Karnataka**
4. This is an autonomous region and was a proposed State in northeast India. Along with the other parts of northeast India, regional aspiration in the region reached a turning point in the 1980s. The region is now administered by an elected autonomous council. **Ans: Bodoland**
5. This was a U.T. in 1961. One of its territories was granted full Statehood and the other portion was merged with another territory in 2019. **Ans: Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu**

Visual: The name of this place. **Ans: Hutatma Chowk**

Early Birds: K. N. Viswanathan| Tarun Ravindran

Word of the day

Mawkish:
effusively or insincerely emotional

Synonyms: mushy, sentimental, sappy

Usage: *The movie was fine in the beginning but became awkwardly mawkish towards the end*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/mawkishpro

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'Police using unlawful means to get back money lost in online fraud cases'

The investigation cannot be cut short without unearthing the fraud and closing the issue, by transfer of amount from a third party to the complainant, HC observes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The cyber police are adopting "unlawful" means to get lost money back to complainants, and are closing the issue in digital payment fraud cases without conducting an investigation to unearth the fraud, the High Court of Karnataka has said.

"This court is coming across scores and scores of cases where the account is frozen, de-frozen and the amount that the complainant is due from a suspect or an accused is transferred to the account of the complainant from the account of third parties," the court observed, adding that this action is contrary to all cannons of law. Justice M. Nagaprasanna issued the directions while allowing a petition filed by PhonePe Pvt. Ltd., a UPI-based digital payment intermediary, and company's director Rahul Chari.

Cannot be cut short

"The investigation cannot be cut short without unearthing the fraud and closing the issue, by transfer of amount from a third party to the complainant," court observed.

The court also directed the magistrate courts to be cautions while entertaining applications from complainants for transferring amounts from the bank accounts, frozen by the police, of the third party Unified Payment Interface (UPI) intermediaries.

The magistrates should be hearing the person, from whose account the money is sought to be transferred to the account of the complainant, the court made it clear.

In this case, the High Court noted that a complaint was lodged by a woman about online fraud in April 2021. She had named the accused as Amith Mishra and provided his phone number.

She had paid ₹69,143 to him in 15 transactions made through PhonePe linked to her ICICI Bank account on the payment request made by the him.

On receipt of her complaint, North Cyber, Economic, and Narcotics police, Bengaluru registered a case had asked Yes Bank to freeze the account of PhonePe and sought details of account statement, linked ID and KYC data. The bank shared information, which included linked personal account details Mr. Chari.

Transfer of money

Interestingly, after bank shared information with the cyber police, the complainant filed an application before the magistrate seeking transfer of ₹69,143 to her account from the personal account of Mr. Chari. And the magistrate had allowed her plea after the investigation officer submitted his no objection. Mr. Chari, on noticing debit of the amount from his account, came to know about the case on enquiry with his bank as neither the police nor the magistrate had given him any intimation or the notice.

Stating that an intermediary cannot be held responsible under the IT Act for the type of transaction done by the complainant, the court said magistrate should have heard Mr. Chari before passing order.

Noticing that both PhonePe and Mr. Chari are not the accused in the case, the High Court directed the police to pursue the investigation to trace the alleged fraudster, and ordered refund of the amount to Mr. Chari.

PE teacher arrested under POCSO Act

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Hebbal police on Wednesday arrested the 50-year-old physical education teacher of a government school for allegedly sexually harassing girl students.

Based on a complaint from the headmaster of the school, the police arrested Anjinappa, charging him under the POCSO Act. According to the police, the accused harassed the students by touching them inappropriately during physical education class for the last three months. The students complained to the headmaster, who conducted an inquiry before filing a police complaint.

Palestinian national arrested on charge of peddling drugs

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The narcotics wing of the CCB arrested a 25-year-old Palestinian and recovered 320 grams of MDMA worth ₹25 lakh from him.

The accused Hassan W.A. Hashim had come to city six years ago on student visa and returned. Later, he came back to the city on business visa and stayed with a Sudan national in a rented house in Yelahanka New town and stated peddling drugs with him. The accused, using their earlier contacts, would source the drugs and sell it to their clients who are foreign students and employees of IT/BT firms, a police officer said. The police are on the lookout for the Sudan national, who is on the run.

Bengaluru South has most voters

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There are 91,15,805 voters in the city, of which 47,35,952 are male, 43,78,214 female, and 1,639 are others. Out of the 28 Assembly constituencies, Bengaluru South has the highest number of voters (6,41,466) and Shivajinagar the lowest (1,91,728).

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Sl No	Name of the Post	No. of Post	Qualification	Reservation
01	**English Asst. Master**	01	B.A., B.Ed English as Optional Subject	ST
02	**Hindi Asst. Master**	01	B.A., B.Ed Hindi as Optional Subject	GM (Womens)

Sd/- Secretary

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Shri. OM BIRLA
The Hon'ble Speaker - Lok Sabha
Parliament of India
will deliver the Convocation Address

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Founder Chancellor - SRMIST
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*ASBA has to be availed by all the investors except Anchor Investors. UPI may be availed by (i) Retail Individual Bidders in the Retail Portion and (ii) Non-Institutional Bidders with an application size of up to ₹ 500,000 in the Non-Institutional Portion. For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section "Offer Procedure" on page 416 of the RHP. The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India ("**AIBI**") and Stock Exchanges and in the General Information Document. ASBA bid-cum-application forms and the Abridged Prospectus can be downloaded from the websites of BSE Limited ("**BSE**") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("**NSE**", and together with BSE, the "**Stock Exchanges**") and can be obtained from the list of banks that is displayed on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=35 and https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=43, respectively as updated from time to time. For the list of UPI apps and banks live on IPO, please refer to the link: www.sebi.gov.in. UPI Bidders Bidding using the UPI Mechanism may apply through the SCSBs and mobile applications whose names appear on the website of SEBI, as updated from time to time. ICICI Bank Limited and HDFC Bank Limited have been appointed as the Sponsor Banks for the Offer, in accordance with the requirements of SEBI circular dated November 1, 2018 as amended. For Offer related queries, please contact the Book Running Lead Managers ("**BRLMs**") on their respective email IDs as mentioned below. For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at the toll free number: 18001201740 and mail Id: ipo.upi@npci.org.in.*

In case of any revision in the Price Band, the Bid/ Offer Period will be extended by at least three additional Working Days after such revision in the Price Band, subject to the Bid/ Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. In cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, our Company and the Selling Shareholders, in consultation with the BRLMs, for reasons to be recorded in writing, may extend the Bid/ Offer Period for a minimum of three Working Days, subject to the Bid/ Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band and the revised Bid/ Offer Period, if applicable, shall be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges, by issuing a public notice, and also by indicating the change on the respective websites of the BRLMs and at the terminals of the Syndicate Members and by intimation to the Designated Intermediaries and the Sponsor Banks, as applicable.

The Offer is being made through the Book Building Process, in terms of Rule 19(2)(b) of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Rules, 1957, as amended ("**SCRR**") read with Regulation 31 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018, as amended (the "**SEBI ICDR Regulations**"). This Offer is in compliance with Regulation 6(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations wherein not more than 50% of the Offer shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("**QIBs**" and such portion the "**QIB Portion**") provided that our Company and the Selling Shareholders, in consultation with the BRLMs, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations ("**Anchor Investor Portion**"), of which one-third shall be reserved for domestic Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received from domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price, in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations. In the event of under-subscription or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance Equity Shares shall be added to the Net QIB Portion. Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds only and the remainder of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIBs (other than Anchor Investors) including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the Net QIB Portion, the balance Equity Shares available for allocation in the Mutual Fund Portion will be added to the remaining QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. Further, not less than 15% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders out of which (a) one third of such portion shall be reserved for applicants with application size of more than ₹ 200,000 and up to ₹ 1,000,000; and (b) two third of such portion shall be reserved for applicants with application size of more than ₹ 1,000,000, provided that the unsubscribed portion in either of such sub-categories may be allocated to applicants in the other sub-category of Non-Institutional Bidders and not less than 35% of the Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders ("**RIB**") in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received from them at or above the Offer Price. All Bidders (except Anchor Investors) are required to mandatorily utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("**ASBA**") process by providing details of their respective ASBA accounts and UPI ID (in case of UPI Bidders), in which case the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the SCSBs or under the UPI Mechanism, as applicable to participate in the Offer. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Anchor Investor Portion of the Offer through the ASBA process. For details, see *"Offer Procedure"* on page 416 of the RHP.

Bidders/Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN and the Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through UPI Mechanism) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active. Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID and Client ID as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorized the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondence(s) related to the Offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders/Applicants' sole risk.
Investors must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with Central Board of Direct Taxes notification dated February 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021.

CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF OUR COMPANY AS REGARDS ITS OBJECTS: For information on the main objects of our Company, investors are requested to see "*History and Certain Corporate Matters*" beginning on page 219 of the RHP and Clause III(A) of the Memorandum of Association of our Company. The Memorandum of Association of our Company is a material document for inspection in relation to the Offer. For further details, see "*Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection*" beginning on page 447 of the RHP.

LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMPANY: Limited by shares.

AMOUNT OF SHARE CAPITAL OF OUR COMPANY AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE: As on the date of the RHP, the authorised share capital of our Company is ₹ 550,000,000 divided into 550,000,000 Equity Shares of face value of ₹ 1 each. The issued, subscribed and paid-up Equity share capital of our Company is ₹ 291,366,120 divided into 291,366,120 Equity Shares of face value ₹ 1 each . For details of the capital structure of our Company, see "*Capital Structure*" beginning on page 66 of the RHP.

NAMES OF THE INITIAL SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF OUR COMPANY AND THE NUMBER OF EQUITY SHARES SUBSCRIBED BY THEM: The initial signatories to the Memorandum of Association of our Company are R. Varalakshmi, R. Baskaran, D.Meera, R. Suguna, M.K. Mohan, S.D.V Chandru, K.Dhinakaran, C.Kalavathy and C.Suguanthi who subscribed to 10 equity shares each, bearing face value of ₹ 100. For details of the share capital history and capital structure of our Company see "*Capital Structure*" beginning on page 66 of the RHP.

LISTING: The Equity Shares to be Allotted through the RHP are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges. Our Company has received 'in-principle' approvals from BSE and NSE for the listing of the Equity Shares pursuant to their letters dated December 2, 2021 and December 3, 2021, respectively. For the purposes of the Offer, the Designated Stock Exchange shall be NSE. A signed copy of the RHP has been delivered and the Prospectus shall be delivered to the RoC in accordance with Sections 26(4) and 32 of the Companies Act, 2013. For details of the material contracts and documents available for inspection from the date of the RHP up to the Bid/ Offer Closing Date, see *"Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection"* beginning on page 447 of the RHP.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF SEBI: SEBI only gives its observations on the offer documents and this does not constitute approval of either the Offer or the specified securities stated in the Offer Document. The investors are advised to refer to page 394-395 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of SEBI.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF BSE: It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by BSE Limited should not in any way be deemed or construed that the RHP has been cleared or approved by BSE Limited nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the RHP. The investors are advised to refer to the page 397 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of the BSE Limited.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF NSE (the Designated Stock Exchange): It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by NSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the Offer Document has been cleared or approved by NSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the Offer Document. The investors are advised to refer to page 397 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of NSE.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF RBI: The Company is having a valid certificate of registration dated June 9, 2016 issued by the Reserve Bank of India under Section 45 IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. However, the RBI does not accept any responsibility or guarantee about the present position as to the financial soundness of the Company or for the correctness of any of the statements or representations made or opinion expressed by the Company and for the repayment of deposits/discharge of liabilities by the Company.

GENERAL RISKS: Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and investors should not invest any funds in the Offer unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their investment. Investors are advised to read the risk factors carefully before taking an investment decision in the Offer. For taking an investment decision, investors must rely on their own examination of our Company and the Offer, including the risks involved. The Equity Shares in the Offer have not been recommended or approved by the SEBI, nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of the RHP. Specific attention of the investors is invited to *"Risk Factors"* beginning on page 22 of the RHP.

BOOK RUNNING LEAD MANAGERS				REGISTRAR TO THE OFFER	COMPANY SECRETARY AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER
ICICI Securities Limited ICICI Venture House, Appasaheb Marathe Marg, Prabhadevi, Mumbai 400 025 Maharashtra, India **Tel:** +91 22 6807 7100 **E-mail:** five-star.ipo@icicisecurities.com **Investor grievance e-mail:** customercare@icicisecurities.com **Website:** www.icicisecurities.com **Contact person:** Sumit Singh/ Rupesh Khant **SEBI registration no.:** INM000011179	**Edelweiss Financial Services Limited** 6th Floor, Edelweiss House Off CST Road, Kalina Mumbai 400 098 Maharashtra, India **Tel:** +91 22 4009 4400 **E-mail:** fivestar.ipo@edelweissfin.com **Investor grievance e-mail:** customerservice.mb@edelweissfin.com **Website:** www.edelweissfin.com **Contact person:** Manish Tejwani **SEBI Registration No.:** INM0000010650	**Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited** 1st Floor, 27 BKC, Plot No. C-27, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East) Mumbai 400 051 Maharashtra, India **Tel:** +91 22 4336 0000 **E-mail:** five-starbusinessfinance.ipo@kotak.com **Investor grievance e-mail:** kmccredressal@kotak.com **Website:** https://investmentbank.kotak.com/ **Contact person:** Ganesh Rane **SEBI Registration No.:** INM000008704	**Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (India) Private Limited** Ceejay House, Level 11 Plot F, Shivsagar Estate, Dr. Annie Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai 400 018 Maharashtra, India **Tel:** +91 22 4037 4037 **E-mail:** fivestaripo@nomura.com **Investor grievance e-mail:** investorgrievances-in@nomura.com **Website:** www.nomuraholdings.com/company/group/asia/india/index.html **Contact person:** Vishal Kanjani / Radhika Shah **SEBI Registration No:** INM000011419	**KFin Technologies Limited** *(formerly known as KFin Technologies Private Limited)* Selenium, Tower B, Plot No. 31 and 32 Financial District, Nanakramguda, Serilingampally Hyderabad, Rangareddi 500 032 Telangana, India **Tel:** +91 40 6716 2222 **E-mail:** fsbfl.ipo@kfintech.com **Website:** www.kfintech.com **Investor grievance e-mail:** einward.ris@kfintech.com **Contact person:** M Murali Krishna **SEBI Registration Number:** INR000000221	**Shalini Baskaran** **FIVE-STAR BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED** New No. 27, Old No. 4, Taylor's Road, Kilpauk Chennai 600 010 Tamil Nadu, India **Tel:** +91 44 4610 6260 **E-mail:** cs@fivestargroup.in **Website:** www.fivestargroup.in Investors may contact the Company Secretary and Compliance Officer or the Registrar to the Offer in case of any pre-Offer or post-Offer related grievances including non-receipt of letters of Allotment, non-credit of Allotted Equity Shares in the respective beneficiary account, non-receipt of refund orders or non-receipt of funds by electronic mode, etc. For all Offer related queries and for redressal of complaints, investors may also write to the BRLMs.

AVAILABILITY OF RHP: Investors are advised to refer to the RHP and the "*Risk Factors*" beginning on page 22 of the RHP before applying in the Offer. A copy of the RHP is available on the website of the SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, the websites of the BRLMs, ICICI Securities Limited at www.icicisecurities.com, Edelweiss Financial Services Limited at www.edelweissfin.com, Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited at https://investmentbank.kotak.com/ and Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (India) Private Limited at www.nomuraholdings.com/company/group/asia/india/index.html and the websites of the Stock Exchanges, for BSE at www.bseindia.com and for NSE at www.nseindia.com.

AVAILABILITY OF BID CUM APPLICATION FORM: Bid cum Application Form can be obtained from the Registered Office of Company, **FIVE-STAR BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED:** Tel: +91 44 4610 6260; **BRLMs: ICICI Securities Limited**, Tel: +91 22 6807 7100; **Edelweiss Financial Services Limited**, Tel: +91 22 4009 4400; **Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited**, Tel: +91 22 4336 0000 and **Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (India) Private Limited,** Tel: +91 22 4037 4037; **Syndicate Members:** Nuvama Wealth Management Limited *(formerly known as Edelweiss Securities Limited)*, Tel: +91-22-40635569 and Kotak Securities Limited, Tel: +91 22 6218 5470 and at selected locations of Sub-Syndicate Members (as given below), Registered Brokers, SCSBs, Designated RTA Locations and Designated CDP Locations for participating in the Offer. Bid cum Application Forms will also be available on the websites of the Stock Exchanges at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com and at all the Designated Branches of SCSBs, the list of which is available on the websites of the Stock Exchanges and SEBI.

SUB-SYNDICATE MEMBERS: Almondz Global Securities Ltd.; Amrapali Capital & Finance Services Ltd.; Anand Rathi Share & Stock Brokers Ltd.; Axis Capital Limited; Centrum Broking Limited; Centrum Wealth Management Ltd.; Choice Equity Broking Private Limited; Dalal & Broacha Stock Broking Private Limited; DB(International) Stock Brokers Ltd.; Eureka Stock & Share Broking Services Ltd.; Finwizard Technology Pvt. Ltd.; HDFC Securities Limited; IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited; IFCI Financial Services Ltd.; IIFL Securities Ltd.; JM Financial Services Limited; Jobanputra Fiscal Services Private Limited; KJMC Capital Market Services Limited; LKP Securities Limited; Inventure Growth & Securities Ltd.; Motilal Oswal Securities Limited; Nirmal Bang Securities Pvt. Ltd.; Prabhudas Lilladher Pvt Ltd.; Pravin Ratilal Share & Stock Brokers Limited; Religare; RR Equity Brokers Private Limited; SBIcap Securities Limited; Sharekhan Ltd.; SMC Global Securities Limited; Systematix Shares and Stocks (India) Limited; Trade Bulls Securities (P) Ltd.; Viren M Shah; Way2Wealth Brokers Private Limited and YES Securities (India) Limited.

ESCROW COLLECTION BANK(S), REFUND BANK(S) AND PUBLIC OFFER BANK(S): ICICI Bank Limited.

SPONSOR BANKS: ICICI Bank Limited and HDFC Bank Limited.

UPI: UPI Bidders can also Bid through UPI Mechanism.

All capitalised terms used herein and not specifically defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the RHP.

For **FIVE-STAR BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED**
On behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Company Secretary & Compliance Officer

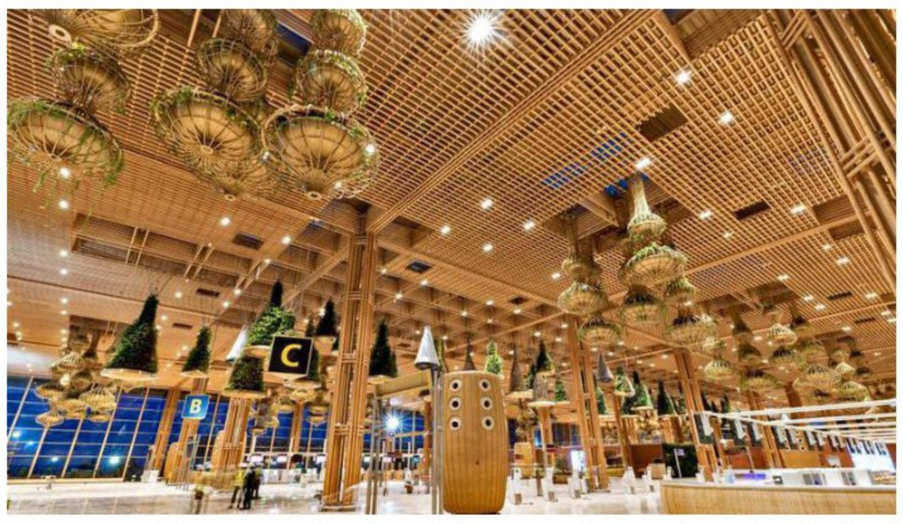
Place: Chennai
Date: November 9, 2022

FIVE-STAR BUSINESS FINANCE LIMITED is proposing, subject to receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an initial public offer of its Equity Shares and has filed a draft red herring prospectus dated November 9, 2021 read along with the addendum dated June 8, 2022 (the "**DRHP**") and has filed the RHP with the RoC and thereafter with Securities and Exchange Board of India ("**SEBI**") and the Stock Exchanges. The RHP is available on the website of the SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in as well as on the websites of the BRLMs i.e., ICICI Securities Limited at www.icicisecurities.com, Edelweiss Financial Services Limited at www.edelweissfin.com, Kotak Mahindra Capital Company Limited at https://investmentbank.kotak.com/ and Nomura Financial Advisory and Securities (India) Private Limited at www.nomuraholdings.com/company/group/asia/india/index.html, the website of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and the website of the BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com, respectively. Any potential investor should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to such risks, see "*Risk Factors*" beginning on page 22 of the RHP. Potential investors should not rely on the DRHP for any investment decision.

The Equity Shares offered in the Offer have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**") or any state law of the United States and, unless so registered, may not be offered or sold within the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Accordingly, the Equity Shares are being offered and sold (i) within the United States only to persons reasonably believed to be "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act) pursuant to Section 4(a) of the Securities Act, and (ii) outside the United States in "offshore transactions" as defined in and in compliance with Regulation S under the Securities Act and the applicable laws of the jurisdictions where those offers and sales are made. There will be no public offering of the Equity Shares in the United States.

CONCEPT

First look



A photo of terminal 2 of Kempegowda International Airport tweeted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday. He will inaugurate it on Friday. PHOTO CREDIT: @NARENDRAMODI/TWITTER

Workshop on singing

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Singer Archana Udupa will conduct a three-day online workshop titled *Aarohan* from November 11 for those who want to finetune their singing skills. Ms. Udupa has said that three songs from three different genres would be taught at the workshop -- a classical based film song, a light-hearted but tough song, and a Sufi composition. For details and registration, contact 9902889727.

3D printer for implant-grade silicone now at IISc

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Prayasta, a city-based startup on Wednesday launched the world's first 3D printer for implant-grade silicone at the Centre for BioSystems Science and Engineering (BSSE), Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

Prayasta's specialised 3D printer, Silimac, can directly 3D print implant-grade silicone material to make an implant within the hospital itself. The 3D printing allows personalisation of implants on a one-to-one basis, which not only improves outcomes of the surgeries for the patients but also reduces the average time a surgeon must spend for achieving the same results using standard implants.

3D printed implants that are prepared using Silimac can be personalised not only in terms of shape, size, and contour but also in terms of weight, stiffness, touch and feel making it a complete solution.

Prayasta has also developed a design methodology called Novel Internal Architecture using which they can make breast implants rupture-proof and suturable eliminating the risk of leakage and post-implantation displacements respectively.

An MoU was signed to formalise this partnership earlier this year.

60 flower storage units operating illegally in Wilson Garden sealed: BBMP to HC

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Assuring that strict action would be taken for illegal use of residential premises for commercial activities across the city, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike on Wednesday told the High Court of Karnataka that it has sealed 60 flower storage units and shops operating illegally on residential premises of Wilson Garden locality out of the total 101 such illegal units identified.

The BBMP said that inspection carried out by senior officials has revealed that trade licenses were granted illegally for six flower shops by the then jurisdictional officer, and the Chief Commissioner would initiate appropriate action against the health officer responsible for granting licenses.

A Division Bench made it clear that the BBMP cannot permit any activity other than the ones permitted in the Revised Master Plan-2015 in the residential area. The Bench was hearing a PIL petition filed by Wilson Garden Residents' Welfare Association. However, on the plea of flower merchants, the Bench permitted the BBMP to remove the seals of the storage units to enable the merchants to remove the stored flowers.

Also, the Bench directed the BBMP to complete the process of sealing the remaining 41 illegal flower shops or storage units by December 6.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our Client intends to purchase the property detailed in the Schedule below ("Schedule Property"), from its owner, **Mr. Mahesh Bhandarkar.** Any person/s having any manner of right, title, claim, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien or any other interest of whatsoever nature in respect of the Schedule Property, may file their objections, with documentary proof, to the undersigned, within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of publication of this notice.

If no objections are received within the said period, it shall be deemed that none else have any right, title, claim, tenancy, mortgage, charge, lien or any other interest of whatsoever nature in respect of the Schedule Property, and our Client will proceed to complete the proposed sale transaction, on the basis that the abovementioned person is the absolute owner of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential site bearing New Municipal No. 28, PID No. 10-68-28 situated at J.B. Kaval, Industrial Workers layout, BBMP Old Ward No. 10 - Mahalaxmipura, New Ward No. 44 - Marappana Palya, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 66 feet, in all measuring 293.33 square yards or 2640 square feet, along with a residential house constructed thereon, and bounded on the:

East by : Property No.29;
West by : Property No. 27;
North by : Road; and
South by : Property Nos. 18 and 19.

I.S. Devaiah, Partner,
MD & T Partners
No. 80, 1st Floor, 6th Main, 16th Cross, Gayatri Devi Park, Vyalikaval Extension, Bengaluru - 560 003
Tel: +91 80 2346 6529
Place: Bengaluru Date: 09.11.2022

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, BELLARY
Office of the Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Bellary,
No.EE/PRED/BLY/AE-1/KKRDB/TDR/2022.23/1178
Dt:05.11.2022

Tender Notification (Through E-portal only)

On behalf Of Hon'ble Government Of Karnataka tenders are invited from the eligible contractors who have enrolled in Panchayat Raj Engineering Department for 02 work comprising of approed building work under Klayana Karnataka Region Development Board Scheme through e-procurement portal. contractors are required to submit the tender before: 17.11.2022 at 4.00 PM by uploading the relevant documents through e-procurement portal website: www/eproc.karnataka.gov.in/e-portal index.seam by downloading the formats for submission of tenders from: 08.11.2022 to 17.11.2022 at 4.00 PM. Tender will be opened through e-proc portal on 18.11.2022 at 5.00 PM. Any changes in the notification will be published in e-procurement website: Only. Accepting/rejection of tenders without assigning reason is reserved. Any details can be obtained in person at the Office or through telephone: No.08392-266173.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E Division, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/622/MCA/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that my client **Mr. Mohammed Shafi, S/o Late Mohammed Ishaq,** Commonwealth of Virginia, United States of America is the absolute owner of the schedule property as shown in the schedule hereunder.

Recently my client came to know that, one Mohammed Inzamam S/o Mohammed Abbas without having any right or authority created some false documents in respect of the schedule property without the knowledge of my client. However my client never executed any document/s with any of the person/s.

I filed the declaration suite against Mohammed Inzamam S/o Mohammed Abbas the same as been numbered as O.S No. 7081/2022 pending before CCH-11 at Bangalore for adjudication and the Hon'ble court as passed the injunction order against aforesaid person.

Hence, the public are hereby informed not to enter any transaction with Mohammed Inzamam S/o Mohammed Abbas and any other person/s in respect of schedule property other than my client. Such transactions are not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Site No. 623, HAL 3rd Stage Extension, PID No. 74-8-623, measuring East to West 9.14 meters and North to South 12.19 meters **totally measuring 111.390697 meters** and the same is bounded on:-

East by : Site Bearing No. 622,
West by : Site Bearing No. 624,
North by : Site Bearing No. 640,
South by : Road.

DASTAGIR .J.A. & ASSOCIATES
ADVOCATES
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Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION, DIVISION CHIKODI
Tel. No.: 08338-275101, E-mail : ee.rdws.ckd@gmail.com

No.: EE/RDW&S/DN-CKD/PB/KW3&4/TENDER/2022-23/67/2337 Date : 08-11-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through E-procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited on behalf of the governor of Govt. of Karnataka according to KTTP act 2000 through e-procurement portal for the below mentioned works.

Work Indent No.: 43393, 43394, 43367, 43372, 43374, 43392, 47292, 43381, 43414, 43401, 49727, 43426. 44673, 49728, 49737, 49729, 49730, 49732, 44670, 49731, 49724, 43400, 43365.

II) Calendar events are as follows :
i) Date of Pre Bid Meeting : 15-11-2022 time 11.00 am @ EE R D W & S Division, Chikodi.
ii) Last date and time for receipt of tenders through e-portal 18-11-2022 upto 17.00 hours.
iii) Date of opening of Technical Bid : on 19-11-2022 at 17.30 hours.
iv) Date of Opening of Financial Bid on after approval of techinical bid.

III) Other conditions and eligibility criteria etc are as published in e-procurement portal. More details can be had from the office of the undersigned and also through website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by clicking list of Tenders which will link to all dept works list.

Sd/- **EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**
RDW&S Division Chikodi

DIPO/BGM/1151/2022-23

State Project Implementation Unit, UKWD Project
Govt. ITI (Women) Campus 26-EC Road, Dehradun – 248001. Email- spiuukwdp@gmail.com

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (Technical Partnership with Industry leaders for setting up of Centre of Excellence)

The Uttarakhand Workforce Development Project (UKWDP), Department of Skill development and Employment (DSDE) intends to improve the quality and relevance of ITI training and skill development ecosystem. As a part of the project, the department proposes to enter into **partnership agreement with industry leaders to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Apparel and textile industry.**

Through this notice, The Project Director, UKWDP intends to invite reputed industry leaders to participate and send their expression of Interest in accordance with the REOI (Request for Expression of Interest. A pre-consultation meeting is scheduled to take place at the address mentioned above on 17.11.2022 at 1100 Hrs. In case of difficulty in attending the meeting physically a virtual pre-consultation meeting can be held.

REOI can be downloaded from www.uksdm.org. EOI should reach the office at the address mentioned above or through email mentioned above latest by **1700 Hrs. on 24-11-2022.**

Project Director

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPORTS & YOUTH WELFARE ASSAM
RUDRA SINGHA SPORTS COMPLEX, SUPER MARKET, DISPUR, GUWAHATI - 781006

No: DSY/S/Manpower/KISCE/25/2022/18

PRESS NOTICE FOR RECRUITMENT TO VARIOUS CONTRACTUAL POSTS IN KHELO INDIA STATE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE (KISCE), ASSAM

In continuation to the earlier Advertisement Vide no. DSY/S/Manpower/KISCE/25/2022/4-7 dated: 6th May, 2022, the Directorate of Sports & Youth Welfare, Government of Assam, invites applications from the eligible citizen of India for filling up vacant posts of **High-Performance Manager, Head Coach (Weightlifting) and Head Coach (Boxing)** in Khelo India State Centre of Excellence (KISCE), Assam, at State Sports Academy, Sarusajai Sports Complex, Guwahati, Assam, on purely temporary and contractual basis.

The detailed advertisement and Application Form can be downloaded from this Directorate's website: **dsyw.assam.gov.in(.)** The applicants should apply through the official email ID: **recruitment.kisceassam@gmail.com** only. Application submitted offline mode will not be accepted.

Director
Sports & Youth Welfare, Assam
& Chairman, Selection Committee

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No. 2(312)/2013/Pur 09th November, 2022

E-TENDER NOTICE (www.etenders.gov.in)

Director, CSIR-CLRI invites bids on **www.etenders.gov.in** from manufacturers, their authorized distributors for purchase of items listed below:-

Sl . No.	Tender ID & Tender Ref No.	Description of items	Pre-Bid conference date and time	Nature of Tender
01.	2022_CSIR_134857_1 & 28(03)/2022/Pur/T-127	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Spectrofluorometer	17th November, 2022 11.00 a.m in Heritage Hall	**Global Tender** - The tender is open for local suppliers and Non-local suppliers (those not meeting the local content, Foreign OEM, Foreign principals or their authorized Indian agents)
02.	2022_CSIR_134713_1 & 23(01)/2022/Pur/T-126	Supply of High-Purity Gases / Commercial Gases Under Rate Contract	—	**Open Tender -** The tender is only for Class I and Class II local Supplier.

For more details like Bid submission start & end date, minutes of Pre-Bid conference may be seen at www.etenders.gov.in & www.clri.org . Bidders are requested to submit online bids only through **www.etenders.gov.in** .

STORES & PURCHASE OFFICER
(For & on behalf of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No.: 903/SEE/Tr(W&M)/EE(E)/T-1/22-23/CYS-46 Date: 09.11.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH e-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites Tender for the following works:

(1) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/903/SEE/HBL/Tr(W&M)/EE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/SWG/Rattihalli/Call-2 for Providing additional 03 Nos. of New MCVCB Switchgear for bifurcation of overloaded 11KV feeders at 110kv MUSS Rattihalli, in TL&SS Division, Haveri on **Partial Turnkey Basis.**

(2) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/903/SEE/HBL/Tr(W&M)/EE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/SWG/Hirekerur/Call-2 for Providing additional 11 KV 1IC+6F MCVCB Switchgear for bifurcation of overloaded 11KV feeders at 110kv MUSS Hirekerur, in TL&SS Division, Haveri on **Partial Turnkey Basis.**

(3) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/903/SEE/HBL/Tr(W&M)/EE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/SWG/Tumminakatti/Call-2 for Providing additional 01 IC+6F 11KV PCVCBs to bifurcate the overloaded feeders at 110KV SS Tumminakkati in TL&SS Division, Haveri on **Partial Turnkey Basis.**

(4) Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL/903/SEE/AEE-1/21-22/LILO/KAWALWAD/Call-2 for Providing LILO arrangement with Metering & Protection to 110kV NK-1 & NK-2 lines at 110kV Kawalwada sub-station in Haliyal Taluk, Uttara Kannada district including supply of equipments/materials, erection, civil works, testing and commissioning on **Total Turnkey Basis.**

The detailed notification regarding the above works called through the 'e-procurement' mode can be obtained by logging on to e-procurement's website **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **10.11.2022.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Trans. (W & M) Circle, KPTCL, Vidhyuth Nagar, Hubballi - 580 024.´Phone/Fax.: 0836-2203094

Government of Karnataka
Public Works Department
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division: Yadgir.
GSTIN: 29BLR002252F1DR

No.EE/PWD/Divn/YDG/TS-1/e-Tender/2022-23/4651, Dated: 07.11.2022

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Details of works:On behalf of Governor of Karnataka as per KTTP Amendment 1999-2000 Act 2000 Standard Bid Document KW-4 Karnataka Public Works Department invites item Rate Tender by Two Cover System Through e-Procurement Portal from Eligible Agency/Contractors for following works pertaining to Total 05 Nos of works. Under KKRDB Plan (Macro/Micro) for the year 2022-23 the Work Indent No's are as follows, (1)160064, (2)160398, (3)160112, (4)160114 and (5)156996. 2) Estimate Cost: Minimum Rs 140.00 Lakhs and Maximum Rs.681.99 Lakhs. 3) Contractor Eligible Details: Class-3rd & Above (As per rule) 4) Tender Procesing Fee and EMD Details: Tender Fee as per e-proc and EMD Minimum Rs 1,76,300.00 and Maximum Rs.8,65,300.00. 5) Date & Time for Pre-Bid Meeting:10.11.2022 (11.30 hrs) 6) Date & Time for receipt of queries: 14.11.2022 (17.30 hrs). 7) Last Date & Time for submission of the tender in e-procurement portal : 22.11.2022 (16.00 hrs). 8) Date & Time of Opening of the Technical Bid: 23.11.2022 (16.30 hrs). 9) Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid : 25.11.2022 (11.30 hrs). 10) For More Details Contact :Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division Yadgir. 11) Website Address: www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in.

SD/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division:Yadgir.

DIP/Yadagiri/311/MC&A/2022-23

Zilla Panchayath, Tumkur
Office of The Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, Tumkur,
Phone: 0816-2252937.
NO.29/RDWS&SD/TMK/JJM/AE-2/2246/2022-23
Date:05.11.2022

Short-term Tender Notification

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & Sanitation Division Tumkur has Invites request for proposal tenders from the eligible bidders for the One and Two Cover work detailed in the table below. Tender procedure as per rule 28 of the KTPP act shall be followed. The tenders are Required to submit through E-Procurement mode through portal.http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. from Class-III & above PWD Registered Contractors who have got adequate financial resources & sufficient past experience for the following JJM Works of C N HALLI, KUNIGAL AND SIRA Taluk of Tumkur Dist. As per the schedule given below. (Minimum Tender Amount Rs.4.91 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.12275/- and Maximum Tender Amount Rs.84.24 Lakhs EMD Amount Rs.1,68,480/-)

Particulars & Details : (1) Last date of submit bids on e-portal : **17.11.2022** Upto 17.00 Hours. **(2)** Pre Bid Meeting (KW-3 works): Date:**14.11.2022** at 11.00 A M Venue, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division Tumkur. **(3)** Technical Opening of Bids: **18.11.2022** at 17.30PM onwards **(4)** Financial Opening of Bids: **22.11.2022** at 11.00 AM onwards.

For further particulars/details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executve Engineer, RDW & S Division, Tumkur.

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Naidu Manjula Ravikumar W/O, Dhayal Srinivasan R/o B 51, B Cross Pipeline Road, Jalahalli, Bangalore 560013 have changed my name to Manjula Ravikumar for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JAYASHRI K aged about 59 years, W/o Mouneshwar Kammar R/a No.304, Yelahanka New Town, V Phase, Bengaluru 5600064 do hereby declare that, in my spouse's service records/discharge book my name is entered as Jaya Shree and date of birth as 01-06-1965. But my actual name and DoB as per Aadhar and PAN card is **JAYASHRI K** and **01/06/1963,** as the both name pertains to me only and hence this affidavit sworn before the advocate Sunita.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mouneshwar Kammar, aged about 59 years, S/o Shirasappa R/a No.304, Yelahanka New Town, V Phase, Bengaluru- 560064 do hereby declare that, in my service records/discharge book my name is entered as Mouneshwar. My actual name as per 10th Std. Certificate, Aadhar and PAN card is **MOUNESHWAR KAMMAR,** as the both name pertains to me only and hence this affidavit sworn before the advocate Sunita

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUGURA Khatoon, R/o No.30/1, KM Lane, Masjid Street, Bengaluru-560002 have changed my name to Sugra Khatun vide affidavit dt: 03.11.2022 sworn before Notary R.Basavaraja, B'luru.

I, SHABEER, R/o No.39, 5th Cross, Masjid Road, Bismillah, Bengaluru-560029 have changed my name to Shabeer Ahmed vide affidavit dt: 09.11.2022 sworn before Notary R.Basavaraja, B'luru.

TENDERS

TENDER

International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) invites tenders for construction of pavement at Maize Doubled Haploid Facility at Kunigal, Karnataka as described in https://www.cimmyt.org/careers/ (Tenders & Requests for Proposals)

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ZABIULLAH Khan, R/o No.39, 5th Cross, Bismillah, Bengaluru-560029 have changed my name to Zabiulla Khan vide affidavit dt: 09.11.2022 sworn before Notary R.Basavaraja B'luru.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE VII ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-19) ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 753 OF 2021

BETWEEN
ICICI Bank Ltd.,
A body corporate incorporated and registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007 and having its Regioal office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 4/10, 1st Floor, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Road, Bangalore-560 068 and Represented by its POA holder and Collection Manager Mr. Pramodh G. S/o. Gurumallappa, Age: 45 Years
...PLAINTIFF

AND
Mr. Madhusudhan B.T.
...DEFENDANT

Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication

To,
Defendant:
Mr. Madhusudhan B.T.
Aged about 27 years,
Son of Thimmarayappa,
R/at. 1, Ground Floor,
1st Cross, Sri Guru Nilaya, Durgaparameshwari Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097

Whereas the plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of Rs.5,97,504/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Four Only) together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (CCH-19) in person or by a pleader on the **30th** Day of **November 2022** at **11:00 am** to show cause against the suit and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this 25th day of October 2022.

By Order of the Court
City Civil Court, Bangalore

Advocate For Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED, B.M. KUSHALAPPA, Advocates, No.4 (10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore - 560001.

Passport racket unearthed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The police arrested nine people, including four touts, for getting Indian passports for foreign nationals and habitual offenders using fake credentials.

The accused have been identified as Sadiq Pasha, Anees Sait, Nawal, and Hydar. The police also arrested five Sri Lankan nationals who have obtained Indian passports through Sadiq and his associates.

Police Commissioner C.H. Pratap Reddy said that the accused have similar cases against them in six police stations and were arrested earlier. However, after coming out on bail, the accused continued to create fake credentials for their clients to apply and get passports.

Timings
BENGALURU

THURSDAY, NOV. 10	
RISE 06:16	SET 17:51
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FRIDAY, NOV. 11	
RISE 06:16	SET 17:51
RISE 20:08	SET 08:36
SATURDAY, NOV. 12	
RISE 06:17	SET 17:51
RISE 21:00	SET 09:30

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	22
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Bengaluru	28	19

Bengaluru Today
29°C The weather will be dry. Day will be slight warm but humid. Night will be slight cool.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C A dry weather to prevail. Day will be comfortable. Night will be slight cool and hazy. Chances of light rain or thundershower at few places.

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NIMHANS completes 25 years of treating OCD

A dedicated 20-bed ward for OCD patients will come up in about six months; the disorder has two established treatments: therapy and drugs

K.C. Deepika
BENGALURU

Often mistaken for an eccentricity, the diagnosis and treatment of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) has come a long way to now be considered a common mental illness. The proof is in the numbers at the OCD clinic at the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS).

Y.C. Janardhan Reddy, Head, Department of Psychiatry and OCD Clinic, NIMHANS says, "I remember when I was a student, there were very few patients. There were people with OCD, but they were not seeking treatment. Now, it is considered a common mental illness. From 15 to 20 patients earlier, we get 70 to 80 patients now."

The OCD clinic is now celebrating its silver jubilee, and is said to be one of a kind in this part of the world.

Apart from a three-day OCD symposium from November 11 to 13, there is also an ongoing exhibition at NIMHANS with artwork and write-ups from patients, doctors and students that speak of the various facets of living with OCD. Dr. Reddy said the average time between developing symptoms and seeking treatment is much lower in India – around five years, compared to around 15 years in the U.S.

However, a majority of those who seek treatment are from certain sections, more so the middle or upper middle class. "They have some insight, but they're secretive and embarrassed. Still, only a small fraction seeks help," he said. So, when should one approach a doctor? Dr. Reddy explained: "Occasionally, some people are more fussy about cleanliness and dismiss random thoughts. A vast majority don't develop OCD. If it is a source of anxiety, comes in the way of your life as an impairment, and is time consuming, one must seek help."

While the clinic is open for walk-in consultations on Tuesdays, the composition of patients consists of 60 to 70 follow up patients and 10 new ones. There are two established treatments for OCD: therapy and drugs. The cognitive behavioural therapy sessions are between 15 to 20 sessions, lasting roughly three months, medicines are administered for three to six months depending on the severity.

In approximately six months, NIMHANS will also boast of a dedicated 20-bed ward for OCD patients.

"It will be one floor dedicated for OCD patients. At any point of time, there are 10 to 15 patients admitted here, but due to the requirement of long periods of treatment, bed occupancy is an issue. Those admitted are mostly washers, cleaners and checkers. This will be a dedicated space as patients don't want to share accommodation because of the nature of illness. Some privacy concerns will be built into the ward," said Dr. Reddy.

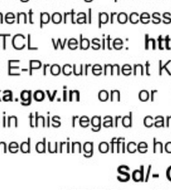
Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

Some common obsessions

- Fear of getting dirty, contaminated or infected by persons or things
- Preoccupation to have objects arranged in a certain order or position
- Blasphemous thoughts
- Fear of blurting out obscenities
- Recurring thoughts or images of sexual nature
- Fear of developing serious life-threatening illness
- Thoughts of harming or killing others or oneself

Some common compulsions

- Repeated hand-washing, taking unusually long time to bathe or clean items in the house
- Ordering or rearranging things in a certain manner
- Repeatedly checking locks, electrical outlets, gas knobs, switches, etc.
- Putting clothes on and taking them off repeatedly
- Counting over and over to a certain number
- Touching certain objects in a specific way
- Repeating certain actions, such as going through a doorway
- Constantly seeking approval (especially children)



Source: OCD clinic, NIMHANS

> Occasionally, some people are more fussy about cleanliness and dismiss random thoughts. A vast majority don't develop OCD. If it is a source of anxiety, comes in the way of your life as an impairment, and is time consuming, one must seek help.
>
> **Y.C. JANARDHAN REDDY**
> Head, Department of Psychiatry and OCD Clinic, NIMHANS

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE REGARDING MISPLACED / LOST OF DOCUMENTS

This notice is being issued on the instructions of my client, who is the owner and have developed the non-agricultural residential lands in Sy. Nos. 47 and 48 of Lakshmipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, now in the jurisdiction Vishwanathapura Grama Panchayath, Devanahalli. The original documents listed below have been misplaced / lost by my client's predecessors-in-title and have not been handed over to my client. In the event any person is in possession of the said original documents or locates them, it is here by notified that the original documents are to be handed over to me or handed over to the nearest Police Station. This Notice has been published as a matter of abundant caution and has been reported to the Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City under Lost Report No. 0378024/2022 dated 07-11-2022.

Misplaced / Lost Original Documents

1. Sale Deed dated 05-02-1971 registered on 05-02-1971 as Document No. 3157 / 70-71 in Book-I, Volume 1072 at Pages 63 to 67 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli executed by Smt. Puttamma and others in favour of Kum. V Radhika in respect of land in Sy. Nos. 45, 47 and 48 of Lakshmipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 13 Acres 13 Guntas.

2. Sale Deed dated 11-05-1979 registered on 16-05-1979 as Document No. 126 / 79-80 in Book-I, Volume 1235 at Pages 233 to 237 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli, executed by Smt. Radhika Malhotra in favour of Mr. B M Chengappa in respect of land in Sy. No. 47 of Lakshmipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 4 Acres 8 Guntas.

3. Agreement of Sale dated 10-10-1994 registered on 10-10-1994 as Document No. 1574 / 94-95 in Book-I, Volume 1532 at Pages 45 to 46 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli, executed by Sri. K Chikkappanna in favour of Sri. K Jagadish in respect of land in Sy. No. 47 of Lakshmipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 4 Acres 8 Guntas.

4. General Power of Attorney dated 10-10-1994 registered on 10-10-1994 as Document No. 88 / 94-95 in Book-IV, Volume 25 at Pages 177 and 178 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli executed by Sri. K. Chikkappanna in favour of Sri. N Sridhar Kamath in respect of land in Sy. No. 47 of Lakshmipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devenahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 4 Acres 8 Guntas.

5. Cancellation Agreement dated 18-01-1995 registered on 18-01-1995 as Document No. 2400 / 94-95 in Book-I, Volume 1544 at Page 114 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli executed by Sri. K Jagadish in favour of Sri. K. Chikkappanna in respect of land in Sy. No. 47 of Lakshmipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 4 Acres 8 Guntas.

6. Sale Deed dated 11-05-1979 registered on 16-05-1979 as Document No. 124 / 79-80 in Book-I, Volume 1238 at Pages 19 to 23 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli, executed by Smt. Radhika Malhotra in favour of Mr. B M Mandanna in respect of land in Sy. No. 48 of Lakshmipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 4 Acres 22 Guntas.

7. Agreement of Sale dated 06-10-1994 registered on 10-10-1994 as Document No. 1575 / 94-95 in Book-I, Volume 1532 at Pages 47 and 48 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli, executed by Sri. Gurappa in favour of Sri. K Jagadish in respect of land in Sy. No. 48 of Lakshmipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 4 Acres 22 Guntas.

8. General Power of Attorney dated 10-10-1994 registered on 10-10-1994 as Document No. 87 / 94-95 in Book-IV, Volume 25 at Pages 175 and 176 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli executed by Sri. M Gurappa in favour of Sri. N Sridhar Kamath in respect of land in Sy. No. 48 of Lakshmipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 4 Acres 22 Guntas.

9. Cancellation Agreement dated 18-01-1995 registered on 18-01-1995 as Document No. 2399 / 94-95 in Book-I, Volume 1544 at Page 113 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Devanahalli executed by Sri. K Jagadish in favour of Sri. Guruappa in respect of land in Sy. No. 48 of Lakshmipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 4 Acres 22 Guntas.

M B Anirudh, Advocate,
No. 6, S Kariyappa Road, Earlier South Cross Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru – 560 004

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HYDERABAD GROWTH CORRIDOR LIMITED

RFP for TOT

Bid/ Package no.: 170/CGM(T)/HGCL/TOT/2022-23 Dated : 09/11/2022

RFP FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

The Government of Telangana through HGCL seek the Tolling, Operation, Maintenance and Transfer (TOT) of the Nehru Outer Ring Road in Hyderabad. Brief particulars of the Project are as follows:

Project Name	Length (Kms)	Initial Estimated Concession Value of Authority (Rs. Crore)	Last Date for receiving Bids
Tolling, Operation, Maintenance & Transfer of Nehru Outer Ring Road (from Km 0+000 to Km 158+000) in Hyderabad, Telangana	158.000	To be disclosed after receipt of Technical Bids and after declaring the Selected Bidder	16.01.2023 up to 11:00 hrs IST

The complete Bid document can be viewed / downloaded from the official portal of HMDA **www.hmda.gov.in** or e-procurement portal of Government of Telangana [**https://tender.telangana.gov.in**] from 10.11.2022 Bid must be submitted online only at **https://tender.telangana.gov.in**.Technical submission of the bids received online shall be opened on 16.01.2023 (at 14 00 hours IST).

Pre bid meeting will be held on **29.11.2022.**

Any amendments to the RFP and Bid process will be notified through e- tender portal only.

Sd/- Chairman, HGCL/ Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA.

Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited
HGCL Building, Khajaguda Road, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad- 500104
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Issued By: Commissioner, I & PR Department, Government of Telangana

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Mode Only)

No.:KPTCL/GMT/CIVIL(B120)/4/2022-DGMC (E-32311) Date: 09.11.2022

KPTCL invites tenders from eligible bidders for the following Electrical works/services.

1. Bid enquiry No. **KPTCL/GMT/CIVIL(B120)/4/2022,** Extension of existing rising main bus trunking system from 3rd floor (UPS line) in 'A' and 'B' blocks of Kaveri Bhavan Bengaluru.- estimated cost of **Rs. 5.80 lakhs** (including GST).

2. Bid enquiry No. **KPTCL/GMT/CIVIL(B120)/8/2022:** Electrical maintenance of KPTCL office premises located in 'A', 'B' and 'C' blocks of Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru (Labour portion only)- estimated cost of **Rs. 12.51 lakhs** (including GST).

The offers will be received through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Mode only. Other details regarding qualifying requirements, period of completion, EMD and details regarding participating in Karnataka Public procurement portal process etc., can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink E-Procurement KPTCL or to **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **10.11.2022.** Any details required in this regard can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours (Office No.: **080-22238784**).

Sd/- General Manager (Tech)
KPTCL, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru – 560 009.

CITY CORPORATION BELAGAVI
No/CCB/PWD/EE/DM/TND/E-proc-15/2022-23 Dated:-07-11-2022
TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-PROCUREMENT)

The Commissioner, City Corporation Belagavi invites tenders in accordance with KTPP Act 1999 Rules 2000 through E-procurement as per Standard Tender Documents for the works approved under SFC Drinking Water for the year 2021-22 & 2022-23 & Corporation fund, total 06 no's of work tender is called. The last date for the submission of tender is 23-11-2022. For more details visit online website (https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in). Any Addendum/Corrigendum will be published in e-procurement portal only.

Sd/-Commissioner
City Corporation Belagavi
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1148/MCA/2022-23

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SHORT E-TENDER NOTICE

No. : BS6/034414/2022 Dated : 09.11.2022

Short E-Tender No : TNCSC/22-23/ET-44

Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation invites Online electronic tender for the **"purchase of 20,000 Metric Tonnes of any one of dal namely Tur dal (Split – Husked & Fatka) [Indigenous]/ Lentil locally known as Canadian Yellow Lentil (Split– Husked & Laired No.2)/ Lentil locally known as Canadian Yellow Lentil (Whole – Husked & Laired No.2) as per Agmark specification"**

Complete short e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/tncsc** and also available in **www.tenders.tn.gov.in**

The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III

For Registration and further details contact MSTC LIMITED, Phone: 25222842/ 25251910/ 25261005 e-Mail: **mstcsro@mstcindia.co.in**

Last Date and Time for Online Submission **: Upto 11.00 A.M. on 21.11.2022**

DIPR/ 5043 /TENDER/2022 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

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3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560009

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invites Short term tender from the eligible contractors who are empanelled & also willing to empanel in Karnataka Housing Board through E-Procurement for below mentioned work.

Last date for submission of bid: 19.11.2022 up to 4.00 PM

Sl.No.	Name of work
1	External painting and Duct repair works at 'E' & 'F' Block Cauvery Bhavana Bengaluru. **Work Indent No:** KHB/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT 1047 & IFT No. 180/2022-23, Date: 07.11.2022. **Amount put to tender:** Rs.1,99,67,138/-.

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: **Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, 3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru, Phone No. 080-22273511 / 080-22100077, website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/3027/AKAR/22-23

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
O&M Circle Office, Chikmagalur -577101, Ph: 08262-295513
CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No:MESCOM/SEE/O&M/CKM/EE/AEE/AE/2022-23/10856 Date: 05.11.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement Portal Only)

MESCOM invites the tender for the works of:

1) For providing 11KV Link Line to existing F-8 Shivani R.S. Feeder from Shivani 110/11 KV Muss to Shivani Railway Station in Ajjampura sub division, Kadur Division on "Total Turn key Basis" (General)
2) For drawing 11KV New Line from 110/11KV Emmedoddi Muss to existing F-8 Emmedoddi Feeder at Bislehalli in Kadur sub division, Kadur Division on "Total Turn key Basis" (General)

The bids will be received through Electronic Tendering Mode only. The details of tender notification can be obtained by logging on to **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **15.11.2022**. Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), O&M Circle Chikmagaluru.

For Power Related Complaint & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY
(I.M.A. AND CERTAIN OTHER CASES UNDER KPIDFE ACT), BENGALURU
3rd Floor, Podium Block, V.V. Towers, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru – 560001. Phone No.: 080-29565353 / 29566556 / 29604556. E-mail: splocaima-21@ka.gov.in

No: SPLOCA/ADM/43/2022-23 Date: 08.11.2022

SHORT TERM E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

Special Officer and Competent Authority IMA & Other KPID scam cases invites tender from interested agencies / firms / companies to develop a software to the office of SPLOCA and all stakeholders of SPLOCA an RFP to design, develop and manage Claims and Financial Fraud Management system. The interested may submit the proposal as detailed in the tender document through E-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or before specified date.

Commencement of download of e-Tender Form from website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in	10.11.2022
Last date of Queries	21.11.2022 till 11.00 a.m.
Pre-Bid Meeting	22.11.2022 at 5.30 p.m.
Last date for Uploading of Tender and EMD in E-Procurement platform on or before	23.11.2022 till 5.00 p.m.
Opening of Technical proposal	24.11.2022 at 11.00 a.m.
Document verification	25.11.2022 between 11.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Opening of Financial bid	28.11.2022 at 11.00 a.m.
Tender Value	40.00 Lakhs (Excluding Taxes)
EMD Value	2.5% of tender value
Security Deposit	5% of tender value

Period of work: 30 days from work order for web portal.
Technical Qualifications: High value IT Company in operation for more than 7 years having completed at least 2 Government of Karnataka Projects involving web portals and online operations.
Maintenance period: 1 year from hand over of Software for remote and onsite management.
Place for any query and technical specifications: O/o SPLOCA, IMA & other KPID cases, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, V.V Towers, Bengaluru-560001.

Sd/-
SPECIAL OFFICER AND COMPETENT AUTHORITY
(IMA & Other KPID scam cases) Bengaluru
DIPR/CP/3010/AKAR/22-23

KARNATAKA STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Civil Engineering Division, Mysuru

NO: KST/EEM/JE/478/2022-23 Date:09.11.2022

E-Procurement Tender Notification No: 19 / 2022-23

Item wise tenders are invited for the Notification No 19 work mentioned below as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement at KTTP Ordinance at 1999. and Rules 2000 from the appropriate class of Civil Contractors in KPWD and CPWD as mentioned below through E-procurement The contractors/firms will have to upload all required information, documents and rates etc., in the website only i.e, **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** No documents will be accepted manually.

Name of Work: Construction of Bus Terminal at Beltangadi. **Approx. Amount put to tender:** Rs. 1006.27 Lakhs. **EMD:** Rs. 15,00,000/-.

1) Last date for Receipt of tenders: **19.12.2022**. **2)** Interested Bidders can login to the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for details on or after **18.11.2022**. **3)** Any other information required can be had from the Office of The Executive Engineer, KSRTC, Nelson Mandella Road, Bannimantapa, Mysuru during working hours. Tel. Phone No 0821-2498828.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KSRTC:CE:Division, Mysuru
DIPR/CP/JA/3022/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that our Client, intends to enter into certain transaction with respect to the immovable properties bearing Survey No. 18/1, 18/2, 18/3, 18/4, 18/5, 18/6, 19/1, 19/2, 20/1, 20/2, 20/3, 20/4, 21, 22, 23/1, 23/2, 25/1, 25/2, 25/3, 25/4, 25/5, 25/6, 26, totally measuring 49 Acres 37 Guntas all situated at M Krishnasagara village, Kengeri-2 Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District which is morefully described in the Schedule and hereinafter referred to as "Schedule Properties".

Any person having any right, title or interest in the Schedule Properties or having any objection to the proposed transaction must notify the undersigned with documentary proof thereof within 15 days of this publication, failing which it shall be deemed that no person has any objection to our Client proceeding with proposed transaction with respect to the Schedule Properties.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

The following properties all situated at M Krishnasagara village, Kengeri-2 Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.

Sl No.	Survey Number	Extent		Boundaries			
		Acres	Guntas	East	West	North	South
1.	18/1	2	17	Sy No 19	Village Boundary	Sy No 18/2	Sy No 17
2.	18/2	0	29	Sy No 19	Village Boundary	Sy No 18/3	Sy No 18/1
3.	18/3	0	35	Sy No 19	Village Boundary	Sy No 18/4	Sy No 18/2
4.	18/4	0	35	Sy No 19	Village Boundary	Sy No 18/5	Sy No 18/3
5.	18/5	0	35	Sy No 19	Village Boundary	Sy No 18/6	Sy No 18/4
6.	18/6	0	35	Sy No 19	Village Boundary	Village Boundary	Sy No 18/5
7.	19/1	4	3	Sy No 21	Sy No 18	Sy No 19/2	Sy No 16
8.	19/2	2	0	Sy Nos 20 & 21	Sy No 18	Village Boundary	Sy No 19/1
9.	20/1	1	16	Village Boundary	Sy No20/2	Village Boundary	Sy Nos 24 & 25
10.	20/2	1	16	Sy No 20/1	Sy No20/3	Village Boundary	Sy No 24
11.	20/3	2	32	Sy No 20/2	Sy No20/4	Village Boundary	Sy Nos 22 & 23
12.	20/4	2	32	Sy No 20/3	Sy No 19	Village Boundary	Sy Nos 21 & 22
13.	21	4	6	Sy No 22	Sy No 19	Sy No 20	Sy No 15
14.	22	3	33	Sy No 23	Sy No 21	Sy No 20	Sy No 30
15.	23/1	1	35	Sy No 24	Sy No 23/2	Sy No 20	Sy No 29
16.	23/2	1	35	Sy No 23/1	Sy No 22	Sy No 20	Sy No 29
17.	25/1	3	7	Village Boundary	Sy Nos 24	Sy No 25/6	Sy No 26
18.	25/2	0	35	Village Boundary	Sy No 24	Sy No 20	Sy No 25/3
19.	25/3	0	35	Village Boundary	Sy No 24	Sy No 25/2	Sy No 25/4
20.	25/4	0	35	Village Boundary	Sy No 24	Sy No 25/3	Sy No 25/5
21.	25/5	0	6	Village Boundary	Sy No 24	Sy No 25/4	Sy No 25/6
22.	25/6	0	15	Village Boundary	Sy No 24	Sy No 25/5	Sy No 25/1
23.	26	3	28	Village Boundary	Sy No 28	Remaining Portion of Same Sy No 26	Remaining Portion of Same Sy No 26 & Sy no 34
		7	2	Village Boundary	Sy No 24 & 28	Sy No 25	Remaining Portion of Same Sy No 26

Place: Bangalore
Date: 09.11.2022

Abhijit Atur, Advocate
M/s Agraa Legal, 2nd floor, No. 19, Shivashankara plaza, Lalbagh road, Richmond circle, Bangalore - 560 027

(Public Works Department)
Executive Engineer, Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.

Invitation for Short-Term Tender (I.F.T.) No.: 23/2022-23 Date: 07.11.2022

(For Building Works – As per Standard Bidding Document K.W.-1 & 3 in single & two cover system)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the Undersigned invites Tenders in single cover system through e-procurement portal from eligible Contractors registered in PWD for Building works of Bagepalli Assembly Constituency. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders from **08.11.2022 to 16.11.2022 up to 4.00 pm. (1)** Last date for objections-doubts and clarifications: **14.11.2022 (at 3.00 pm during office hours) (2)** Last date for submission of filled tenders: **16.11.2022 (up to 4.00 pm) (3)** Date of opening Financial & Technical Bids: **18.11.2022 at 11.00 am** (Applies only to works of K.W.-1 & 3) **(4)** Date of opening Financial Bid after approval of Technical Bid: **21.11.2022 at 11.00 am** (Applies only to works of K.W.-3). For more information visit website **www.kpwd.gov.in** or contact this office during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
P.W.D. Chikkaballapura Division, Chikkaballapura.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಪಿ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ337/ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/2022–23

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INBRIEF

7th Pay Commission to be headed by Sudhakar Rao

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday announced that the State government had decided to set up the Seventh Pay Commission to revise the pay scale of government employees. He told presspersons in Davangere that it had been decided to set up the Seventh Pay Commission and it would be headed by the former Chief Secretary Sudhakar Rao.

BEL signs MoU with Aerosense Technologies

Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL) has signed an MoU with Aerosense Technologies Pvt. Ltd. for cooperation in the development and marketing of drones and "soft kill" aerial anti-drone.
The MoU aims at leveraging the complementary strengths and capabilities of BEL and Aerosense Technologies. It will enable BEL and Aerosense Technologies to collaborate as partners for the design/development of drones and soft kill aerial anti-drone systems. The MoU will also help the two companies explore marketing and sale of drone-based solutions catering to various applications in defence and civilian domains, for both domestic and export markets.

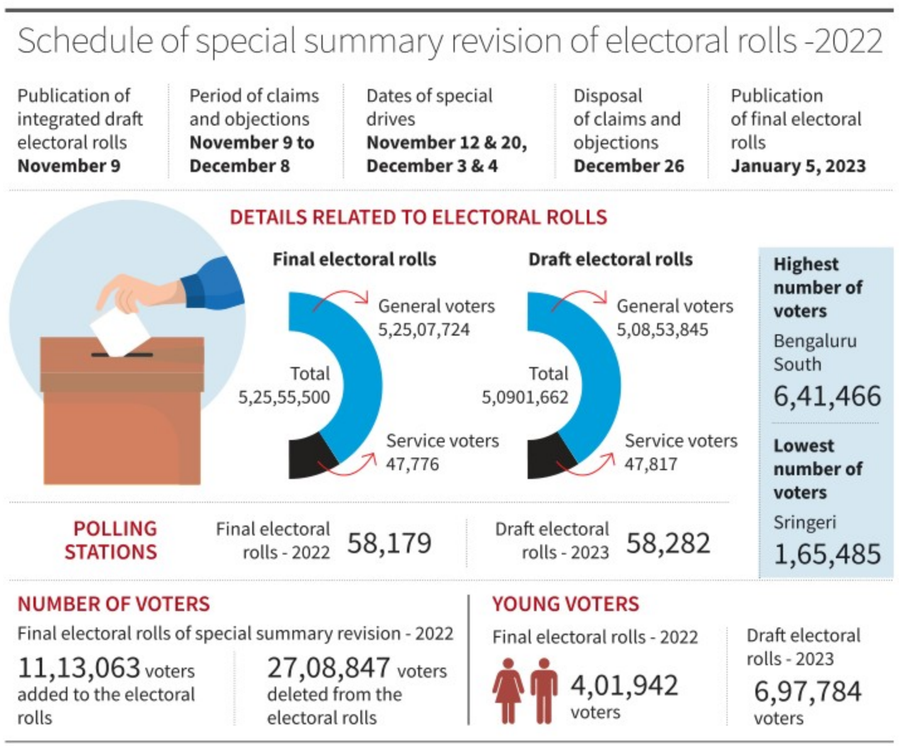
Special summary revision of electoral rolls begins

Time has been provided between November 9 and December 8 to submit any claim regarding inclusion or removal of names from electoral rolls; final list to be published on January 5, 2023

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A special summary revision of the electoral rolls is being taken up from Wednesday in all the 224 Assembly constituencies in Karnataka as per directions of the Election Commission of India, with January 1, 2023, as the qualifying date for enrollment. Elections in Karnataka are due in mid-2023.

Chief Electoral Officer Manoj Kumar Meena said that the draft electoral rolls of the 224 constituencies had been published and time provided between November 9 and December 8 to submit any claim regarding the inclusion or removal of names from the electoral rolls.



Special drive
He said that special drives would be conducted on four days – November 12, November 20, December 3, and December 4 – and disposal of claims and objections would be done on December 26. The publication of the final electoral rolls would take place on January 5, 2023.

Applications for inclusion of names, registration of overseas citizens of India, authentication of electoral roll data using Aadhaar or other documents, objection to inclusion or deletion of names, change of address, and registering of mobile numbers can be submitted online using the NVSP (National Voters Service Portal) or the voter helpline mobile app.

Mr. Meena said the total number of voters as per the final electoral rolls - 2022 was 5,25,55,500 and that after the pre-revision exercise as per the draft electoral rolls - 2023, it was 5,09,01,662.

"Among them, the number of general voters is 5,08,53,845, the number of service voters is 47,817. Among the general voters, 2,56,39,736 are male and 2,52,09,619 are female and 4,490 are others," Mr. Meena said.

Deleted, added
He said that as per the final electoral rolls of the special summary revision - 2022, 11,13,063 voters had been added to the electoral rolls and 27,08,847 names deleted.

U.B. Banakar resigns from BJP, corporation posts

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

U.B. Banakar

In a significant political development in Chief Minister's home district Haveri, the former MLA for Hirekerur U.B. Banakar has tendered his resignation from the posts of chairman of the Karnataka Warehousing Corporation and director of the Veerashaiva Lingayat Development Corporation and also from the primary membership of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Mr. Banakar, son of the former Speaker of the Karnataka Assembly B.G. Banakar, has represented Hirekerur twice, first in 1994 as the BJP candidate and second time in 2013 as the Karnataka Janata Paksha (KJP) candidate, defeating B.C. Patil (incumbent Agriculture Minister). Mr. Banakar, who has been in public life for around 38 years, is reportedly upset with the BJP leadership in the State, more so with Mr. Patil for the treatment meted out to his followers in the constituency. A loyalist of the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Mr. Banakar had followed him when he founded the KJP.

It may be recalled that during the 2019 bypolls, when Mr. Patil crossed over to the BJP, Mr. Banakar strongly opposed his candidature and was pacified at the last minute. The tussle between the followers of Mr. Banakar and Mr. Patil had been simmering ever since.

In an appeal to his acquaintances and friends, which was released to the media on Wednesday, Mr. Banakar said that it was time he took a crucial decision related to his public life.

Speculations are rife that Mr. Banakar may switch over to the Congress to contest the next Assembly election as he is unlikely to get the BJP ticket. He may choose to contest as an Independent also unless the BJP leadership succeeds to pacify him.

10 Dalit organisations unite; set to hold convention on Dec. 6

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

In a bid to "resist the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and protect democracy and the Constitution", over 10 Dalit organisations, including factions of the Dalit Sangharsha Samiti (DSS), have decided to come together. They say that the intention is also to ensure the transfer of leadership of the Dalit movement to the next generation.

On B.R. Ambedkar's 66th death anniversary, all these organisations are set to organise a massive unity convention at the National College Grounds at Basavanagudi in Bengaluru.

Mavalli Shankar, a senior Dalit leader, said, "We have decided to sink all our differences and join together. As a part of the united effort, we have created a six-member committee. All the major decisions will be taken by this committee."

Indudhara Honnapura, one of the leaders who is instrumental in bringing the organisations together, explained why they were coming together at this juncture.

"The RSS and the BJP are destroying liberty, equality, fraternity, social justice, and reservation. On the occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the country is seeing a downfall on all fronts. The constitutional and democratic values are declining. Youths are disheartened by unemployment and communal politics is flourishing. Those who seek justice are being called traitors...," he argued.

Ongoing process
He admitted that some Dalit leaders and organisations had identified themselves with the BJP and the RSS, but the united group would try to bring them back to the fold of the Dalit movement. "Now, 10 progressive and secular Dalit organisations have decided to unite with us," he said, adding that it was a continuous process.

Ramalinga Reddy poses 15 questions to PM ahead of his visit

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Karnataka on November 11, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee working president Ramalinga Reddy has posed 15 questions, including as to why he is silent over the contractors' allegations that those in the government were demanding 40% commission for award of contracts and payment of bills.

Addressing a press conference here on Wednesday, Mr. Reddy accused the BJP dispensation in Karnataka of failing to keep up its poll promises and letting down people.

His other questions to Mr. Modi include details on flood relief granted to the State in the last four years, Karnataka's rank in terms of allocation of the Central grants, total grants allocated for the suburban railway project, why the I-T Department or ED are not targeting those behind corruption in recruitment scams, and his comments on the remarks by a BJP leader that the posts of Chief Minister and Minister had been "sold" in the party.

Taunting that the Garden City of Bengaluru had now become a "sinking city" and garbage city during the regime of the "double-engine" government, he wanted to know the response of the Prime Minister for this. He also sought the Prime Minister's response for the spate of deaths being witnessed in Bengaluru due to pothole-related accidents. He further sought to know the status of the implementation of the Mekedatu and Mahadayi projects.

TAMIL NADU CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION
Head Office, 12, Thambusamy Road, Kilpauk, Chennai - 600 010.
Ph. No. (044) - 26426773. Email Id : tncsc.tn@nic.in. CIN : U15137TN1972SGC006157

Short e-TENDER NOTICE

No. BS3/33300/2022 **Dated : 09.11.2022**

Short E-tender No. TNCSC/22-23/ ET-43

Online electronic tender **for "PURCHASE OF 200 LAKH NUMBERS OF FORTIFIED RBD PALMOLEIN OIL 1 LITRE POUCHES (910 gms)"**

Complete short e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/tncsc** and also available in **www.tenders.tn.gov.in**

The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III

For Registration and further details contact MSTC LIMITED, Phone: 25222842/ 25251910/ 25261005 e-Mail : **mstcsro@mstcindia.co.in**

Last Date for Online Submission **: upto 11.00 A.M on 21.11.2022.**

DIPR/ 5044 /TENDER/2022 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

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State Bank Institute of Rural Banking (SBIRB)
Opp: HUC Telephone Exchange, Old Mumbai Highway Road, Lingampally, Hyderabad-500019. 040-23463304-306.

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR AMC SERVICES

State Bank Institute of Rural Banking (SBIRB), Hyderabad invites E-tenders for the following Annual Maintenance Contract services,
1. Housekeeping & Service Maintenance
2. Garden Maintenance
The interested parties who did similar works may visit Bank's website **https://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/procurement-news** . The completed tenders should be uploaded online through e-tendering process on or before **30/11/2022.**

Place: Hyderabad, Date: 10.11.2022. **Sd/- Chief Manager, SBIRB**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project (West) Division, Joint Commissioner (West) Office Premises, 2nd Floor, Sampige Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020

No.: EE(P-W)/PR/189/2022-23 **Date: 09.11.2022**

CORRIGENDUM

Ref: 1) EE/P-W/TEND/06/2022-23, Dt.: 20.10.2022
(Through e-Procurement System)

Tender Notification called vide this office tender No.: EE/ P-W/TEND/06/2022-23, Date: 20.10.2022 for the work of **Comprehensive development and construction of multipurpose building and public toilet and other improvement works at Ward No. 101 at Rajajinagar Constituency Package 03** is postponed due to technical reasons.

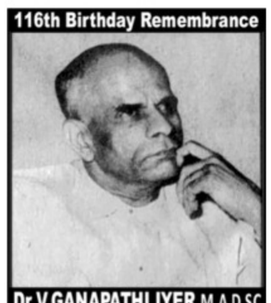
Change in calendar of events are as follows: (1) Last date for uploading the filled proposal: **15.11.2022** upto **4:00 p.m. (2)** Date of opening of Technical bid: **17.11.2022** at **4:30 p.m. (3)** Date of opening of Financial bid: **21.11.2022** at **4:30 p.m. (if possible).** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** All other terms and conditions remain unchanged to the original tender notification.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project (West) Division, BBMP

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

116th Birthday Remembrance



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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU / PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD., PLANNING AND DESIGN CIRCLE, CHENNAI - 600 005.
NIT No. 7 / 2022-23/P&D Circle / Chennai, Dated : 08.11.2022
FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM / RATE TENDER (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, sealed tenders will be received by the Superintending Engineer, PWD., Planning and Design Circle, Chepauk, Chennai-600005 for the following work from PWD Registered Contractors upto **3.00 PM on 14.12.2022** and opened at **3.30 PM** on the same day.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approximate value of work (Including GST)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit & Period of Completion	Eligible contractor	Cost of tender documents with GST	Cost of Tender Document & EMD should be remitted in favour of
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1.	Construction of a New Museum Building Complex to preserve the underneath Artefacts in the Archaeological Excavation at Adichanallur, Sivakalai & Korkai with Modern facilities at Kulavanigar Village of Palayamkottai Taluk in Tirunelveli District.	**Rs.3005.00 Lakhs**	**Rs.15,13,000/- 18 Months**	**Class IA (Revised monetary limit)**	**Rs.15,000 + Rs.2,700/- (GST)**	Executive Engineer, PWD., Building Centre and Conservation Division, Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005

NOTE: 1. Tender schedule can be Downloaded at free of cost from the website **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in" (or) http://www.tntenders.gov.in"** from **11.11.2022 to 13.12.2022.** Tender schedule can be obtained from the office of Superintending Engineer, PWD, Planning and Design Circle, Chepauk,Chennai-5 by remitting cost of Tender schedule as furnished as above column 6 & 7 through chalan in State Bank of India Chennai -1 during office hours **upto 5.45 P.M.** (2) Details are available in the above website.

Superintending Engineer, PWD., Planning and Design Circle, Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.

DIPR/5023/Tender/2022

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER , PWD.,BUILDINGS (CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE) CIRCLE, SALEM – 7.
TENDER NOTICE
FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
TENDER NOTICE No.18/ 2022-23/SE/B(C&M)C/SLM, Dated. 07.11.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Salem - 7 invites tender for the following work, at his office upto **3.00P.M. on 14.12.2022** in two sealed covers containing (i) Qualification details and EMD in a separate inner cover and (ii) Price Tender Schedule in another sealed cover and put into one common sealed cover from the experienced and competent contractors / firms as detailed below. The tender schedule can be downloaded at free of cost from the Govt. designated website (viz) **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in**. The tender schedule will also be available in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C&M) Circle, Salem-7, from **10.11.2022 to 13.12.2022 upto 5.45 pm.** The tenders **received** will be opened at 3.30 P.M. on **14.12.2022**, in the presence of the tenderers or their representatives who choose to be present at that time.

Sl.No.	Name of Work	Approximate value of work including G.S.T. (Rs. In Lakhs)	Amount of Earnest Money Deposit (in Rupees)
1.	Construction of 50 Bedded Critical care block in Government Hospital at **Uthangarai** in Krishnagiri District	1685.00	8,53,000

Period of completion	:	15 Months
Contractor class	:	Registered in **New Class I** in State level / This Circle level (Rs.10.00 crore to Rs.25.00 Crore) and above
EMD to be credited	:	The Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Buildings (C&M) Division, **Krishnagiri**
Cost of tender schedule	:	Document cost : **Rs.15000/- (+) G.S.T. Rs.2700/-**

Tender documents, are available in the following website and can also be downloaded at free of cost. **www.tenders.tn.gov.in.** Any other details can be had from the Office of the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (Construction and Maintenance) Circle, Salem - 636 007 during working hours. Any changes in tender condition will also be published in website www.tenders.tn.gov.in.

Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings (C& M) Circle, Salem - 7.

DIPR/5017/TENDER/2022

சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம். சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ: ಐಎಫ್‌ಟಿ–31/ಜೆಇ/2022–23/2152 ದಿನಾಂಕ:– 07.11.2022

ಇ– ಪ್ರೊಕೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ–2ನೇ ಕರೆ

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ : ಈ ಕಚೇರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಕಾಅ/ದಾವಿದಾ/ಐ.ಎಫ್.ಟಿ–31/ 2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.11.2022

ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಾಯಕೊಂಡ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಟಿಪಿಪಿ–2000ರನ್ವಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆಡಬ್ಲೂ– 4ರಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್ ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. 1) ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು ಮಾಯಕೊಂಡ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ–ಲೋಕಿಕೆರೆ ರಸ್ತೆಯ (ಜಿಮ್ಮರ) ಕಿ.ಮೀ. 10.10ರಲ್ಲಿ ಹರಿಯುವ ಹಳ್ಳಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇತುವೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ. ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 120.00 ಲಕ್ಷ , ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 17.11.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 18.11.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ (ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 08192 234951, 231530) ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/594/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23 **ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು**

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.
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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible contractors who are empanlled in Karnataka Housing Board through E-procurement. Construction of Post Metric Girls/Boys hostel building in various places.

Last date for submission of bid: 19.11.2022 Up to 4 PM

Sl. No.	NAME OF WORK
1	Post Matric Boys Hostel Building at Bagalakote Taluk, Bagalakote District. Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 1038 & IFT No.168 Date: 04.11.2022, Amount put to Tender Rs.2,47,19,691/-
2	Post Matric Girls Hostel Building at Gajendragada Taluk, Gadag District. Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 1039 & IFT No.169 Date: 04.11.2022, Amount put to Tender Rs.2,46,82,668/-
3	Post Matric Girls Hostel Building at Devanahali Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District. Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 1040 & IFT No.170 Date: 04.11.2022, Amount put to Tender Rs.2,47,72,030/-
4	Post Matric Professional Girls Hostel Building at Bidar Taluk, Bidar District. Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 1041 & IFT No.172 Date: 05.11.2022, Amount put to Tender Rs.2,45,86,566/-
5	Post Matric Girls Hostel Building at Shahapura Taluk, Yadgir District. Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 1042 & IFT No.173 Date: 05.11.2022, Amount put to Tender Rs.2,45,94,819/-
	Last date for submission of bid: 21.11.2022 Up to 4 PM
6	Post Matric Girls Hostel Building at Devaraja Urs layout, Davanagere Taluk, Davanagere District. Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 1043 & IFT No.174 Date: 07.11.2022, Amount put to Tender Rs.2,46,26,363/-
7	Post Matric Boys Hostel Building at Shanthi Nagar, Dharwad Taluk, Dharwad District. Work Indent No: KHB/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT 1044 & IFT No.175 Date: 07.11.2022, Amount put to Tender Rs.2,39,27,889/-

For further information, contact above mentioned office address.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/VCPL/3015/2022-23

ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕಣ್ಗಾವಲು ಘಟಕ,
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ಬಿ. ರಾಚಯ್ಯ ಜೋಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಹಿಂಭಾಗ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ–571313
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ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: DSU/NHM/HWC/01/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07–11–2022

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ/ನಗರ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ / ಉಪ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಅಗತ್ಯವಿರುವ ರಾಸಾಯನಿಕಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಸ್ಟ್ ಕಿಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸಲು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ DHS/NHM/HWC/CHN/Proc/01/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ 07/11/2022 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಬಿಡ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳು ದಿನಾಂಕ 07/11/2022 ರಿಂದ 08/12/2022 ರವರೆಗೆ ದೊರೆಯುತ್ತವೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ 12/12/2022 ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಆಸಕ್ತ ಬಿಡ್‌ದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಕಣ್ಗಾವಲು ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ:ಚಾನಗರ:395:2022–23

'I am taking time to assess Bills before giving consent'

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Tamilisai Soundararajan

Refuting charges that her office was sitting on some Bills forwarded by the State government for her assent, Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan has asserted that she is taking time for assessing and analysing the Bills before giving her consent.

Addressing a press conference at the Raj Bhavan on Wednesday, the Governor said, "It is being projected as if I am blocking the Bills such as setting up of a common recruitment board for filling up vacant posts in universities and other institutions. In fact, I had been insisting that the government fill up all the vacant posts in the universities since I took over as Governor".

To queries on when she would give her assent to the Bills pending with her, Dr. Tamilisai said there was no time limit fixed for the institution to clear the Bills. "There is no time limit fixed for the Governor to assess the Bill and give consent," she said.

When asked about the Bill on setting up private universities not receiving her assent, she said that the government intended to promote private universities at a time when the government varsities were in a state of mess.

Letter seeking removal of T.N. Governor submitted

Memorandum to President signed by LS, RS members of DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance; says Tamil Nadu Governor contradicts State's policy in public and unduly delays assent to Bills

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi has not given assent to several important Bills passed by the Assembly, says memorandum.

The memorandum signed by Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha members belonging to the ruling DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance seeking removal of Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi has been submitted to Rashtrapati Bhavan, the DMK said in an official statement.

"We must place on record our dissatisfaction that the work being done by the Tamil Nadu government and the Legislature is being obturated by the office of the Governor by contradicting its policy in public and unduly delaying assent to Bills," the memorandum said.

"The Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has enacted several important Bills and sent the same to the Governor for assent. We are pained to note that the Governor is unduly delaying assent to the Bills passed by the State Legislature," it noted.

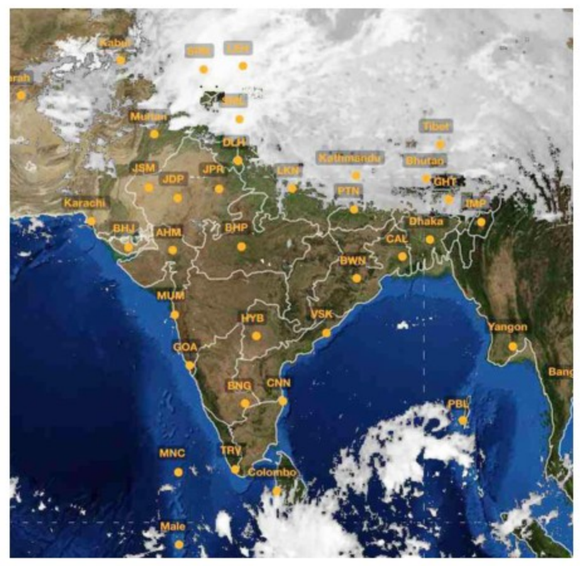
The memorandum listed out a total of 20 Bills including The Tamil Nadu Universities Laws (Amendment) Bill 2022, which empowers the State government to appoint the Vice-Chancellors of the State Universities under the administrative control of Higher Education Department, Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Online Gambling and Regulation of Online Games Bill, 2022, among others.

"This amounts to interference in the administration of the State and transaction of business by the Legislature. It impedes and obstructs a democratically elected government from serving the people, which is *ex-facie* unconstitutional," the memorandum added.

"It is trite that under the scheme of our Constitution, a Governor cannot sit as an appellate authority over the decision of the Cabinet or the Legislature. The need, requirement or necessity of a Bill cannot be inquired into by the Governor. That is within the sole prerogative of the Legislature, which extensively debates the necessity of the Bill. Once a Bill is passed it is deemed to be the will of the people and the Governor has to Act within the frame work of constitution," it further noted.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe. Dense fog likely at isolated pockets over Punjab and Haryana

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.9	19.6	Kozhikode	—	34.6	25.3
Ahmedabad	—	34.6	18.0	Kurnool	—	33.5	20.5
Aizawl	—	26.0	13.4	Lucknow	—	30.1	19.1
Allahabad	—	31.5	17.7	Madurai	0.4	32.3	24.1
Bengaluru	—	27.8	18.5	Mangaluru	—	34.2	23.1
Bhopal	—	31.7	17.5	Mumbai	—	34.4	21.4
Bhubaneswar	—	30.8	21.9	Mysuru	—	30.0	20.2
Chandigarh	—	27.6	18.1	New Delhi	—	30.2	16.9
Chennai	8	31.1	23.9	Patna	—	30.0	18.8
Coimbatore	—	31.2	22.6	Port Blair	5	30.4	24.7
Dehradun	—	25.6	15.4	Puducherry	—	30.4	22.2
Gangtok	—	18.8	11.0	Pune	—	31.4	17.8
Goa	—	34.0	21.6	Raipur	—	31.0	19.5
Guwahati	—	31.0	19.5	Ranchi	—	28.2	14.4
Hubballi	—	31.0	17.0	Shillong	—	21.8	11.0
Hyderabad	—	29.6	15.5	Shimla	—	16.4	9.2
Imphal	—	27.5	11.1	Srinagar	1.7	9.6	5.4
Jaipur	5	28.0	18.2	Thiruvananthapuram	3	31.8	23.7
Kochi	22.2	31.0	23.8	Tiruchi	6	30.9	24.0
Kohima	—	23.2	10.4	Vijayawada	—	31.4	22.2
Kolkata	—	30.7	21.1	Visakhapatnam	—	31.8	24.5

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.80	132	.34	...160	...163	
Bengaluru	.14	..20	.35	...181	95	
Chennai	.25	..31	.40	45	58	
Delhi	.35	195	108	...262	...236	
Hyderabad	...3	..35	.44	...161	...146	
Kolkata	...9	..27	.24	...216	...146	
Lucknow	.11	..97	.23	...290	...203	
Mumbai	.37	253	114	...213	...182	
Pune	...5	8	.43	22	21	
Visakhapatnam	.36	..35	.21	97	...120	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Kurukshetra, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 449 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 22

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Kerala joins T.N., Bengal in bid to curb Governor's powers

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

By proposing an ordinance which would replace the Governor with eminent academicians in the post of university Chancellor, the Left Democratic Front government in Kerala has formally joined the club of Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and West Bengal, other Opposition-ruled States who have brought legislations curbing Raj Bhavan's role in higher education institutions.

Under the previous Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government, a similar experiment was done in Maharashtra too in 2021.

The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022 was an attempt by the Mamata Banerjee government to appoint the Chief Minister as the Chancellor of the 31 public universities in the State, replacing the Governor. The then-Governor and current Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankar returned the Bill to the State Cabinet.

The Tamil Nadu Assembly has passed two Bills curtailing the power of the Governor in appointing Vice-Chancellors for State-run universities.

The MVA government in Maharashtra had also amended the existing laws to limit the Chancellor's role in appointing Vice-Chancellors. However, the present government is against it.

The Rajasthan State Funded Universities Bill was an attempt to vest the power to appoint Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors with the Chief Minister, making the Governor the Visitor of all State-run universities instead. The AAP government in Punjab has also been mulling a legislation to remove the Governor as the Chancellor of all State-run universities.

In a statement, the Kerala Cabinet said it had decided to recommend to the Governor to promulgate an ordinance providing for the appointment of eminent academicians to the post of Chancellor.

Talking to *The Hindu*, Kerala Law Minister P. Rajeeve said that the Cabinet's decision was based on the recommendations of the Punchhi Commission. "Under entry 32 of the Constitution, universities are a State subject. The State Cabinet has the power to bring an ordinance on this matter. The UGC decides the quality of the universities, but its rules are silent on the role of Chancellors. So the State's law will prevail and there is no conflict," said Mr. Rajeeve.

Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
No.6/13/1, KREDL Office Building, 10th Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560 072
Ref. No.: KREDL/12/SD/SDP/F-01/2022-23 Date: 10.11.2022

NOTIFICATION

KREDL invites Expression of Interest (EoI) for Project Management Consultant for imparting traning to SSLC+ITI/Diploma candidates under **"Skill Development Programme"** of KREDL. EoI can be downloaded on **www.kredl.karnataka.gov.in** from **10.11.2022.**

Sd/- Managing Director, KREDL

(Government of Karnataka)
RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT HASSAN DIVISION HASSAN
Phone No.08172-261640 Email Id:eerdwsd.hsn@gmail.com

One &TWO COVER SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO:13/2022-23 DATED : 00.11.2022

On Behalf Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Hassan Division Hassan. Has Invited the Tender for the works of Holenarsipura Taluk Approved under2021-22JJM Mention Below, Single Cover System works Holenarasipura Taluk 04 Works- (SC-3 & ST-1) Two Cover System works Holenarasipura Taluk 17 Works(General) Above work tenders are invited in One & Two cover system in e-procurement portal. The tender details are available in www.e-procurement.karnataka.gov.in From 08-11-2022 After 5.30 P.m. The bidder should submitted the tender with in the dated: 17-11-2022 before 4-00 P.M. On Dated:10-11-2022 The Pre-bid Meeting will be conducted in this office, Interested Contractor may participated. Venue : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Zilla Panchyath Building, N.R,Circle Hassan. The Technical bid will open on dated:18-11-2022 after 4.30 P.M. The Financial bid of the Technically qualified bidder will be open on dated: 19-11-2022 after 17.00P.M. The Executive Engineer has reserved the rights of to cancel all tender or any one tender without giving any reason.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Rural drinking water and sanitation Dept, Hassan division, Hassan.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಹಿಸನಿ/ಹಾಸನ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/705/2022–23

VISVESVARAYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION **(2nd call)**
(Only through E-procurement system)

Tenders in electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" are invited on behalf of Managing Director, Visvesvaraya Jala Nigama Limited, Bangalore by the xecutive Engineer, VJNL, Yettinahole Project Division No.2, Tumkur inTwo cover system (Cover I and Cover II) from eligible contractors for the work of CONSTRUCTION OF UNDERPASS AT CH 221.377 KM OF YETTINAHOLE GRAVITY CANALThe amount put to tender is from Rs.511.42 lakhs. Details such as submission of bids/ tender conditions/EMD amount/Pre-qualification criteria/ prebid meeting/Calender of events and other information related to above works can be obtained through e-portal i.ewww.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Intending bidder can access the tender document from **10.11.2022** to **25.11.2022** through e-portal. The authority competent to accept the tenders shall have the right of rejecting all or any of the tenders without assigning any reasons and will not be bound to accept the lowest tender. Corrigendum/addendum will be published in the e-portal. Any further information required may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer, VJNL, YP Division, No.2,Tumkur. Ph: 08162201844, e-mail: eeypd2tmk@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN
This is to inform the General public that following share certificate of KABRA EXTRUSIONTECHNIK LIMITED having its registered office at No. 405, Mahatma Gandhi Rd, Haridevpur, Shanthala Nagar, Ashok Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560001 registered in the name of the following Shareholder/s have been lost by them

Name of the Shareholder
B RAJESHWARI

Folio No.	Certificate No.
0016987	100556
No.of Shares	Distinctive Nos
800	287401 - 288200

The public are here by caution against purchasing or dealing in any way with the above referred share certificates.
Any person who has any claim in respect of the said share certificate/s should lodge such claim with the Company or its Registrar and Transfer Agent **Link Intime India Pvt Ltd 247 Park, C-101, 1st floor, L.B.S Marg, Vikroli (W) Mumbai-400083** TEL: **022 49186270** within **15 days** of publication of this notice after which no claim will be entertained and the company shall proceed to issue Duplicate Share Certificate/s.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (South Zone), BBMP, South Zone, 9th Cross, 9th Main, Jayanagar, 2nd Block, Bengaluru - 560011.

No: SADH(S)TENDER/13/2022-23 Date: 09-11-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) - (SHORT TERM)
(Single Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (South Zone), (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites tenders to Implement Works in accordance with KTTP Rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person / Agencies / Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour Department. **(Standard Tender Document - KW-2)**

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount (in Rs.)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)
1	Landscape Development of Byrasandra Lake	**50,00,000/-**	**1,00,000/-**

Calendar of Events: **1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from the GOK e-Procurement Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from 10-11-2022. 2)** Date of Tender Closing: **18-11-2022 upto 4.00 PM. 3)** Date of Opening of Financial bid: **19-11-2022 at 4.30 PM.** Further details can be had from the above office.

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (South Zone), BBMP.

PAY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, HELP TO DEVELOP BENGALURU

CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE, BHALKI

No. CDPO/BLK/EGG/RE-TENDER/ 2022-23 Dated: 08-11-2022.

: EGG RE-TENDER SCHEDULE :

1. Tender Reference No. : No. CDPO/BLK/EGG/RE-TENDER/ 2022-23 Dated: 08-11-2022. 2. Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from eProcurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in : From 08-11-2022. 3. Date, Time & Venue of Pre-bid Meeting : 17-11-2022 at 11:00 AM at the following venue: Office of the Child Development Project Officer Bhalki. Department of Women and Child Development Shivnagar, Bhatambra Road Bhalki Dist.Bidar Karnataka-585328. 4. Last Date and Time for uploading Online Queries in eProcurement Portal : 25-11-2022 up to 05:00 PM. 5. Last Date and Time for uploading of eTender in eProcurement portal : 07-12-2022 up to 5:00 PM. 6. Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids: 09-12-2022 after 11:00 AM. 7. Date and Time of opening of Financial Bids : Shall be intimated in eProcurement Portal. 8. Place of opening of Tenders : eProcurement Portal. 9. Address for Communication : Office of the Child Development Project Officer Department of Women and Child Development Shivnagar, Bhatambra Road Bhalki Dist.Bidar Karnataka-585328. Phone: +919916462071- 08484-262990. Email: cdpobhalki@gmail.com

Sd/- Child Development Project Officer Bhalki

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GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA
CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICE, ALAND
(DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT)

No. CDPOA/W&CDD/ICDS/EGG/Tender/2022-23 Date : 07-11-2022

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited for supply of Eggs necessary for distribution to children in the age group of 06 months to 06 years being beneficiaries of 421 Anganwadi Centers of Aland Scheme of Kalaburagi District and Pregnant and Lactating women under Mathrupoorna Scheme and Commencement date for downloading Tender Document from e-procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in from: 07.11.2022 to last date: 21.11.2022 up to 5.30 PM Date of Opening Technical Bid in online: 28.11.2022 11.00 AM and date of opening Financial Bid 30.11.2022 11.00 AM

For further information contact, Child Development Project Officer, Aland Office during office hours. Ph. No. 8050700172 and e-mail ID: cdpoaland@yahoo.com

Sd/- Child Development Project Officer Aland, Dist: Kalaburgi

DIP/Kalaburagi/818/MC&A/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA
(Karnataka Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION, DIVISION KALABURAGI-585105
Phone No: 08472-278634 Email:eerwssglb14@gmail.com

No:EE/RDW&S/Dvn/Tech/2022-23/2021/2021 Dated : 07-11-2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site **http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in** and should be submitted through E-procurment system only 1) Name of work: Aland-17 (Indent Indent No 49774, 49775, 49776, 49777, 49778, 49779, 49780, 49781, 49782, 49783, 49784, 49785, 49786, 49787, 49788, 49789 & 49790), 2) Head of A/C : JJM 2021-22 & 22-23, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class- II & above, 4) Tender Amount : Min 50,00,001/- Max 99,99,000/-, 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document: 07-11-2022, 6) Cost of tender form and EMD: As per E-portal, 7) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal: 18-11-2022 4.00pm, 8) Opening of Techincal Bid: 19-11-2022 4.01pm, 9) Opening of Financial Bid: 21-11-2022 11:00am, 10) Address for any clarification reg.tender : Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/813/MC&A/2022-23

ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಮೃಗಾಲಯ, ಮೈಸೂರು – 570 010.
ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು
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ಇಮೇಲ್: zoomysuru@gmail.com ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: www.mysuruzoo.org

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:.ಎಂವೈಜೆಡ್/ಆಹಾರಸಾಮಗ್ರಿ/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:08.11.2022

ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಶ್ರೀ ಚಾಮರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಮೃಗಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅವಧಿಯು ಮುಕ್ತಾಯವಾದ ನಂತರದ ದಿನಗಳಿಗೆ (12 ತಿಂಗಳು) ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಘಟಕವಾರು ಆಹಾರ/ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ ಪದಾರ್ಥಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮೃಗಾಲಯ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಈ ಮೃಗಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರುಗಳಿಂದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in(Dept.selection: Zoo Authority) ಮೂಲಕ ಘಟಕವಾರು ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಘಟಕ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ವಿವರ	ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ/ಮಾಸಿಕ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂ. 10%ಜಿ.ಸಿ.ನಿರ್ಣಯ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ
1.	ಎಮ್ಮೆಯ ಶುದ್ಧವಾದ ಮಾಂಸ, ಲಿವರ್, ಹೃದಯ 3 ಐಟಂಗಳು/(ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್)	214.00	21.40	23.11.2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ 24.11.2022ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿ:25.11.2022ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 17.00 ನಂತರ.
2.	ಜೀವ ಇಲ್ಲದ ತಾಜಾ ಮೀನು/ಸಿಗಡಿ/ಡ್ರಸ್ಡ್ ಚಿಕನ್ 5 ಐಟಂ (ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್)	53.00	5.30	23.11.2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ 24.11.2022ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿ:25.11.2022ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 17.00 ನಂತರ.
3.	ಒಡಕೆ, ಹಸಿರು ಹುಲ್ಲು ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ 7 ಐಟಂಗಳು (ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್)	199.00	20.00	23.11.2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ 24.11.2022ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿ:25.11.2022ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 17.00 ನಂತರ.
4.	ಸಂಕೀರ್ಣ ಸಾಮಗ್ರಿಗಳು 26 ಐಟಂ (ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್)	12.00	1.20	23.11.2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ 24.11.2022ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 16.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿ:25.11.2022ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 17.00 ನಂತರ.

ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು: 1. ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳು ಚಾಲ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.11.2022** ನಂತರ. **2.** ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮೃಗಾಲಯ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಗಳಂತೆ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಈ ಮೃಗಾಲಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತರಾಗಿರಬೇಕು, ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ 19.11.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ. 3.** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23.11.2022ರಂದು** ಯೂನಿಟ್–3ರ ಐಟಂಗಳ ಶಾಂಪಲ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಅಂದು ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಚೇರಿಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. **4.** ಆಡಳಿತಾತ್ಮಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಯಾವುದೇ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕು ಹಾಗು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸುವ, ಪರಿಷ್ಕರಿಸುವ, ಕೈಬಿಡುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರಿಗೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. **5.** ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಕಿರುವ ಸವಿವರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಉಪಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು

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Considering consent

The law must stay in tune with the times, and consider ground realities

As much as the laws of a country must adhere to the principle of justice and fairness, they also need to stay in tune with the times. It was this proviso that the Dharwad Bench of the High Court of Karnataka invoked as it urged the Law Commission of India to have a rethink on the criteria for age of consent, 'taking into consideration the ground realities'. The judges said they were motivated to make this recommendation, having encountered several cases relating to minor girls over the age of 16 years (but below 18 years) having fallen in love and eloped with the boy, and wondered why the consent of the girl in a sexual relationship is not factored in, especially when charges are made out under provisions of the POCSO Act. The Act was enacted to protect children from sexual abuse, and it raised the age of consent for sexual intercourse from 16 to 18 years. In practice, however, studies have noted that many cases booked under the Act in the adolescent group (16 years and above) have a romantic involvement, including eloping with the intention of getting married, consensually. In almost all instances, police cases are initiated by the parents of the minor girl who has eloped with the lover. Once the sexual act is confirmed, the POCSO Act is slapped on the boy, who may sometimes be a minor, or barely of legal age for marriage, and the consequences of being prosecuted for penetrative sexual assault are life altering, as they are meant to be. While the boys face criminal prosecution, the girls are also sent to government institutions when they protest parents' strong disapproval of the liaison. Activists have charged that this has the potential to wreck the lives of the youngsters involved, and entire families too are felled by this encounter with the law.

There is no doubt that children are vulnerable, and must be protected from forced attempts to sexually assault or groom them with an eye on exploitation. However, the realities of adolescent attraction and the ascertainment of consent, 16 years or above, must be considered pertinent to investigation and prosecution. The High Court judges also asked if it could be presumed that minors have knowledge of the applicable law. It may be remembered that the Justice J.S. Verma Committee on Amendments to Criminal Law also recommended that the age of consent be reduced to 16, and necessary amendments be made in the POCSO Act. The Law Commission must now train its guns on the actual implementation of the Act, and ensure the POCSO Act, stays true to its broad intent – the protection of children.

Needless needling

The ties between the Governor and the government in TN must be reset

The presentation of a memorandum against Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi by MPs of the ruling DMK-led Secular Progressive Alliance to President Droupadi Murmu is yet another reflection of the fractured relationship between the DMK regime and the Governor. Irrespective of their differences, this unfortunate development could have been avoided with some effort and reasoning on both sides. The memorandum has slammed the Governor's way of functioning, "openly contradicting its [Tamil Nadu government's] policy in public and unduly delaying assent to Bills". In an account of 20 Bills passed by the State Assembly and pending with the Governor, the memorandum, expectedly, dealt with Mr. Ravi's approach towards the TN Admission to UG Medical Degree Courses Bill 2021, also called NEET [National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test] exemption Bill, which is now awaiting presidential assent. What the Alliance argued was that Mr. Ravi, instead of forwarding the Bill to the President, even in the first instance had chosen to return it to the Assembly, "which is *ultra vires* of the powers conferred on a Governor". But quite needlessly, the joint statement also took strong exception to the Governor's public statements on matters unrelated to governance such as *Sanatana Dharma*, Dravidian heritage, Tamil pride and *Thirukkural*, a Tamil classical work. Ever since he assumed charge in September 2021, Mr. Ravi, a former Nagaland Governor, has earned the DMK's wrath over the NEET exemption Bill. In addition, his presenting himself as a strong advocate of the three-language formula and the National Education Policy (NEP) has not been palatable to many parties in the State.

While it is perfectly legitimate to have contrarian views in a democratic set up, every constitutional authority should conduct himself or herself in a manner that adheres to the letter and spirit of the Constitution. Notwithstanding the correctness or otherwise of his position, the Governor should not be seen as one needlessly provoking a duly-elected government to confront him on one issue or the other. He should walk the extra mile to establish that he stays within constitutional limits. Given his non-political background, Mr. Ravi is better placed than many of his gubernatorial counterparts to present himself as being fair and objective. Meanwhile, critics including those from the ruling party should refrain from reacting adversely to every single observation as their responses may create an impression of their wanting to be in a state of perpetual conflict with the Governor. After all, the ties between the institution of Governor and the State government rest and flourish on understanding and mutual respect. Otherwise, Tamil Nadu will be the loser, undermining governance.

The EWS judgment and the shadow of Pandora

Shashi Tharoor

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The Supreme Court of India's recent decision, upholding the constitutional validity of the law granting 10% reservation to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of the upper castes, has ignited much debate. Some pundits have affirmed the judgment marks the death knell of caste as a factor in reservation, while others argue that it underscores its perpetual relevance. In all the brouhaha, the media and the commentariat have overlooked another Supreme Court judgment just seven years ago which was potentially even more far-reaching for our democracy but which has been ignored entirely in the current debate.

In a 64-page decision in 2015, a bench of Justices Ranjan Gogoi and Rohinton F. Nariman struck down the United Progressive Alliance Government's 2014 notification including Jats in the Central list of Other Backward Classes (OBCs). Most significant was the rationale the justices provided: they observed that the state should not go by the "perception of the self-proclaimed socially backward class" on whether they deserved to be categorised among the "less fortunates"; new formulae, they averred, must be found to determine backwardness. The issue, the justices concluded, was not whether reservations were a tool to address millennia of caste discrimination or an instrument of affirmative action; the issue was how to determine who deserved consideration for reservation benefits.

'Open the gates for the most distressed'

Most significantly, the top court held that caste, while acknowledged to be a prominent cause of injustice in the country historically, could not be the sole determinant of backwardness. It argued in its judgment: "Owing to historical conditions, particularly in Hindu society, recognition of backwardness has been associated with caste. Social groups who would be most deserving must necessarily be a matter of continuous evolution. New practices, methods and yardsticks have to be continuously evolved moving away from caste-centric definition of backwardness." It ruled that the State should uncover emerging forms of backwardness in an evolving society.

"The gates would be opened only to permit entry of the most distressed. Any other inclusions would be a serious abdication of the constitutional duty of the State," the Court warned. It observed that "grave and important" decisions in reference to Article 14 and Article 16 of the Constitution must be made on the basis of "contemporaneous inputs", which were not available. Most striking were the Court's observations on what constitutes "social backwardness". It said that neither educational nor economic backwardness, which the Government referred to, were enough, though both may contribute to social backwardness. "But social backwardness," the Court observed, "is a distinct concept" that emerges from multiple circumstances ranging from the social and cultural, to economic, educational and even political.

In the recent verdict on reservation to Economically Weaker Sections, a Supreme Court judgment of 2015, which was potentially even more far-reaching for India's democracy, has been ignored entirely in the current debate

Call for new methods and yardsticks

The Court conceded that caste may be a prominent factor for 'easy determination of backwardness', but its judgment discouraged "the identification of a group as backward solely on the basis of caste" and called for "new practices, methods and yardsticks" to be evolved. It added the observation that class may be a factor too, since a class is "an identifiable section of society", but again it may not be enough to justify reservation. Citing its own decision to recognise transgenders as a distinct community with justiciable rights, the Court congratulated itself for identifying a form of social backwardness that had nothing to do with caste or class, in determining their eligibility for government benefits.

This was fascinating philosophically, but it opened up a proverbial can of worms for policy-makers. The most contentious element of the Court's judgment was its proposition that caste, and the need to right historical wrongs, is no longer sufficient grounds for government benefits. Nor is the self-perception of a caste that it is backward; not even the perception by other castes that it is. New methods, the judgment insisted, have to be developed to identify the backwardness of a group of people.

The Court, drawing a somewhat fuzzy line between 'past' and 'emerging' forms of backwardness, advanced the presumption of the "progressive advancement of all citizens on all fronts, i.e., social, economic and educational" making history an insufficient guide. You cannot keep citing historical wrongs and propose reservations as a solution to redressing them, the Court decided. This set off a conceptual bomb under the complacent edifice of the reservation system.

We have long accepted the logic of reservations in our country as a means of making up for millennia of discrimination based on birth. This is why the Constitution inaugurated the world's oldest and farthest-reaching affirmative action programme, guaranteeing Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes not only equality of opportunity but guaranteed outcomes, with reserved places in educational institutions, government jobs and even seats in Parliament and the State Assemblies. These reservations were granted to groups listed in Schedules of the Constitution on the basis of their (presumably immutable) caste identities. The addition of the OBC category – after the acceptance by the V.P. Singh government of the recommendations of the Mandal Commission – added more people to the numbers benefiting from reservations, but it did not change the basis on which they benefited: despite the "C" in "OBC" referring to "classes", the OBC lists contained castes and sub-castes.

What criteria is the question

So we witnessed the unedifying spectacle of castes fighting to be declared backward: the competitive zeal of the Meenas and the Gujjars in Rajasthan to be deemed more backward than each other, and similar agitations by Patels in Gujarat and Marathas in Maharashtra. Then the transgender judgment, and the judgment disqualifying Jats, opened the floodgates to far-reaching questions. If caste is not a good enough basis, and class is not either, and now lack of education or income does not suffice, but the misfortune of being born transgender does, then how do we determine who deserves reservations in our society? The Supreme Court says historical wrongs are passé; the Government needs to establish that a group of potential beneficiaries is suffering backwardness right now. But it does not tell us what criteria to apply.

Justices Gogoi and Nariman suggested that the Government come back with a "matrix" to justify reservations. One could imagine a list of differently-weighted categories, ranging from income, family situation, disability, education level, etc, in addition to birth in a particular caste, which together would constitute a basis to draw up such a matrix. But the Government, not wanting to touch a Pandora's box, never came back with one, and the Court did not renew or repeat its demand either – not even when one of the judgment's authors became Chief Justice of India.

With the EWS decision, the shadow of Pandora now hovers over the Supreme Court – but her notorious box may already have been opened by this dramatic, and surprisingly under-reported, judgment of 2015.

Policing with talent, resource sharing, not squabbling

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The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) convened a conference in late October in the capital, which saw the participation of the Union Home Minister, a few State Home Ministers and police chiefs. West Bengal did not send its highest officials citing its preoccupation with *pooja*-related issues. The Delhi conference was a very important occasion aimed at improving the quality of policing in the country through an exchange of ideas. The seriousness of the subject required attendance at the level of the Chief Minister and if some States gave it a miss, it was an unfortunate development and a reflection of the lack of seriousness in matters of governance affecting public order and crime.

The debate now over the way the Tamil Nadu police have handled the case of a blast in Coimbatore that happened recently, and a possible terror-related plot, also fits in this scene and is relevant to the state of law and order in the State and elsewhere. There is a section of influential public opinion which has accused the Tamil Nadu government of having been slothful and delayed handing over investigation of the incident to the National Investigation Agency (NIA). This has been rebutted by the State Director General of Police (DGP) who said that his force could not abruptly abandon the investigation and had to do the preliminary investigation to facilitate an NIA take-over. The exchange of barbs by the two sides has been an unfortunate and avoidable development and the truth lies in between. Rather than getting into a slanging match, what is more important is an examination of the standard operating procedures in place, the identification of lacunae and the initiation of corrective measures.

Patel's vision

The first Home Minister of independent India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, would have been dismayed by the politics in Centre-State relations in a matter as serious as policing. He placed great value on professional policing, one reason why he insisted on an elitist and well-trained corps such as the Indian Police Service (IPS) which worked alongside the Indian Administrative Service (IAS). He was under immense pressure from various quarters, which included his own Congress party, to disband both the Indian Civil Service and IP, but as a distinguished and astute visionary, he was steadfast in his belief. Subsequent events proved him right. Despite all their faults, the two all-India services have been a cementing force and have greatly contributed to establishing nationally accepted standards of governance, especially in the area of law and order.

Policing is a collaborative effort and it is unfortunate that there is still conflict between the Home Affairs Ministry and some States over utilising talent in the police and the sharing of resources

The passage of 75 years in a free India has more than established that a country of our proportions and diversity will need objective policing by a highly trained police force. It is distressing that there is still conflict between the MHA and some States over utilising talent in the IPS and the sharing of resources available in the States. Both sides have to be partially blamed for this unfortunate state of affairs. Petulance in personnel management has occasionally affected administration in the Centre and States.

Camaraderie is essential

It is a no-brainer that in this, New Delhi is the senior partner in what is definitely a collaborative relationship. But there have been actions over the decades that have inflicted many deep wounds on public order. These have been situations that have demanded large numbers of well-trained policemen. The Centre has always chipped in with support from the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). There have also been other outfits such as the Border Security Force (BSF), the Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) and the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) which have also worked in tandem with the State Police. Therefore, it makes sense that the MHA and State Police stop squabbling but explore how best to forge a strong camaraderie.

We are also witness to frequent spats between States and the Centre over the use or alleged misuse of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Here again both parties have to share the blame. But the basic point that has been ignored is that crime and bureaucratic corruption have inter-State ramifications and only a national agency can bring in a much-needed and wide perspective. Insensitive action by a few States to withdraw consent to the CBI to function in a State smacks of politics and vindictiveness, which diminishes the fight against public servant graft.

What is lacking

'Police' is a State subject under the distribution of powers laid down in the Constitution of India. But that does not mean the Union government has no say in the matter. Training and technology are two areas where the Centre does greatly contribute to sharpening police ability to combat terrorism and other major public disturbances. The Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy in Hyderabad is a world-class institution that has resources and the professional excellence which are generously available to State police forces. Petty squabbling reduces the exchange of ideas and goes to attenuating the police response to difficult situations that require police assistance. This is why we need a political leadership that does not get bogged down in petty differences but promotes a free exchange of talent and resources between New Delhi and the States.

There is no point in blaming a DGP if he or she does not respond to a situation in a professional manner. The DGP looks up to the Chief Minister for directions. If the latter is driven by political considerations and gives unprofessional instructions, there is very little that the DGP can do. Despite all that the Supreme Court of India has done to insulate the chief of police from political caprice, the truth is that a DGP is perilously placed *vis-à-vis* the Chief Minister and his or her party men. It is lamentable that public opinion in the country has not asserted itself to impart a better sense of policing at all levels of government. I do not foresee any change in this unfortunate situation in the years ahead.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trouble for pristine Nicobar

Pankaj Sekhsaria's report (Page 1, November 9) was horrifying — of how a mega-crore project will result in the massive destruction of nature. Is the Government not bothered about climate change especially as COP27 is underway? Even more shocking is the bizarre plan for compensatory afforestation/artificial tree plantations in Haryana, which shows that there is no understanding of the subject. What the Great Nicobar loses can never be retrieved.

B. Sundar Raman
Coimbatore

The plan to pander to the filthy rich and the commercial interests of big business is a cruel blow against the environment. Not only will this avaricious project destroy pristine forests, it is also sure to impact indigenous communities. The untouched forests and the people inhabiting these islands for millenia should be protected as a global heritage.

The tragedy is that we are condemned to receive lessons on environmental protection from a government and class of people responsible for causing the maximum damage to the environment. The judiciary should take *suo motu* cognisance of such crimes against the earth.

Firoz Ahmad,
New Delhi

The stage is set, unmistakably, for the sounding of the death knell of the unique biological diversity of India's Andaman islands. Tragically, none except a band of dedicated environmental activists is losing sleep over the huge devastation ahead. The 'compensatory afforestation' only raises serious concerns. The juggernaut of destruction needs to be stopped by jolting public conscience.

Ayyasseri Raveendranath,
Aranmula, Kerala

The Agnipath scheme

All said and done, the crux of the Agnipath issue is about the very short duration of service, which is grossly inadequate. It is understood that the main reason is the central government's worry about an ever-increasing pension commitment. Agnipath should not become an Agnipareeksha.

V.H. Subramoney,
Bengaluru

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Enforcing the ban on the two-finger test

On October 31, the Supreme Court declared that any person conducting the 'two-finger test' on rape or sexual assault survivors will be found guilty of misconduct. The court said that the test is "regressive and invasive" and has "no scientific basis as it neither proves nor disapproves allegations of rape". It instead "re-victimises and re-traumatises women who may have been sexually assaulted." In 2013, too, in *Lillu v. State of Haryana*, the Supreme Court had held that the two-finger test violates the right of rape survivors.

Section 53A of the Evidence Act states that previous sexual experience "shall not be relevant to the issue of consent or the quality of consent" in prosecutions of sexual offences. In 2014, the Union Ministry of Health issued 'guidelines and protocols' proscribing the application of the two-finger test. It directed health providers to conduct a medical examination as per the detailed 'proforma for medico-legal examination of survivors/victims of sexual violence', a copy of which was annexed to the guidelines. The guidelines state that a copy of the medical report must be given immediately, and free of cost, to the survivor/victim. These guidelines were circulated to hospitals, but it appears that the instructions were not taken seriously by the doctors handling medico-legal cases.

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Weakening the case

It is important to note that the doctor's medical opinion has a vital bearing on the outcome of a criminal case. In the case of sexual assault, the doctor is required to mention marks of resistance and sign(s) of recent intercourse. She is not supposed to give her opinion about rape, as rape is a legal term and not a medical diagnosis. It is for the investigating officer to conclude after their investigation whether or not rape was committed. An unsolicited opinion by a medical practitioner may create doubt and weaken the case. Therefore, it is undesirable to conduct the two-finger test (on a victim of sexual assault), which has no evidential value in the investigation.

The Supreme Court said that workshops must be conducted. This is relevant as there is no institutional platform to share such judgments with medical practitioners. Forensic science laboratories (FSLs) generally work under the Home Departments of States. Funds for the modernisation of the police are also planned and utilised by the police under the supervision of the Home Department. A part of these funds are used for the upgradation of FSLs. The police department's interaction with the FSL is generally continuous, and both understand each other's requirements.

However, despite the Health Department's relevance in the investigation of offences relating to assault, rape, unnatural death, age determination (by the ossification method), etc., interaction between the Health Ministry and the Home Ministry (or the police department) is limited. Further, the Health Department is not one of the pillars of the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS), which is an extension of the Home Ministry's mission mode project, the Crime and Criminal Tracking and Network Systems, and is operational at each police station of the country.

Several steps need to be taken at several levels to ensure that the ban is followed in every corner of the country

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The police have an age-old system of 'roll call'. Roll calls are supposed to be held every day in the morning and in the evening at police stations and reserve police lines. Besides allocating duty to every police personnel, every order of the Superintendent of Police (and of seniors through him) is read and explained to everyone present and signatures obtained. This ensures accountability. However, this practice seems to have either become irregular or remained only on paper. This is evident from the fact that despite the Supreme Court's order scrapping Section 66A of the Information Technology Act, cases were registered at many police stations. The system of daily roll call must be revived at all police stations.

Improving training

Training still remains one of the most neglected branches in most departments. With limited in-house training capacity, officers are often not spared for refresher courses even once in five years. The communication channels between the heads of department and the officers are never direct and straight. It is, therefore, quite likely that the two-finger test will continue to be conducted in some remote areas. The erring doctors (if any) will have all the reasons to justify their act and evade disciplinary action for any 'misconduct' so contemplated.

Therefore, all departments which have a bearing on the investigation of offences or are stakeholders in the criminal justice system must come together periodically so that they can exchange best practices, latest developments in law, and court rulings. An institutional mechanism needs to be developed to ensure continuity of this process. The medico-legal section of the Health Department needs to be integrated with the ICJS as it is no less important than the FSL. Training capacity must also be reviewed, and communication channels improved to avoid the status quo.

The Governor versus the government

Governance and public interest will likely be the casualities of the stand-off

STATE OF PLAY

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Injured egos are not rare in the cut and thrust of politics. But the bitter rift between a Governor and Chief Minister has seldom played out as forcefully in public view as it has in Kerala over the past week. The escalating tensions between Governor Arif Mohammad Khan and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has assumed centre stage yet again in State politics. However, the latest tangle seems acrimonious compared to the relatively tame disputes of the past.

The incident that precipitated the stand-off was the CPI (M)'s boycott of the Vice-Chancellor of the APJ Abdul Kalam Technological University (KTU), Ciza Thomas. As Chancellor of State universities, Mr. Khan had appointed her to the post, bypassing government nominees. He did so after the Supreme Court set aside the appointment of Rajasree M.S. as Vice-Chancellor of KTU, finding it violative of the norms of the University Grants Commission (UGC).

Unleashing a full-blown attack against the LDF government, Mr. Khan alleged that the government had "initiated the process of the collapse of the constitutional machinery" by threatening him with dire consequences and not permitting the Vice-Chancellors appointed by him from performing their duties. He dared the ruling front to "barge into Raj Bhavan" and "attack" him "on the street" if they "had the guts". Mr. Khan also said he would attend the sit-in protest by LDF workers in front of the Raj Bhavan on November 15 if the leaders of the ruling front

were ready to debate with him publicly.

Mr. Khan's comments on Mr. Vijayan signalled the growing chasm between the two offices. He alleged that Mr. Vijayan "had to go home to change his clothes" when an IPS officer removed his gun from the holster to prevent the CPI(M) leader from freeing a party worker from police custody in Kannur.

The Governor threw down the gauntlet to the government by ordering other Vice-Chancellors to submit their resignations. The premise for this controversial directive was that the government had appointed these Vice-Chancellors through the same process deemed unlawful by the Supreme Court in the KTU Vice-Chancellor's case.

The government got a brief respite from the wrestling match with Mr. Khan over university administration on November 8, when the Kerala High Court restrained him as Chancellor from passing final orders on the show-cause notices issued to the Vice-Chancellors.

Mr. Khan then courted controversy during a press conference when he debarred journalists from Kairali TV and MediaOne TV from covering the event, deeming them politically partisan. He was immediately criticised by civil society for "curtailing" press freedom. The Editor's Guild of India protested the "selective targeting of media channels by a person occupying high constitutional office". With the exception of the BJP, the LDF and the Congress-led Opposition condemned Mr. Khan's "blackballing" of the two media houses. Journalist unions marched in protest to the Raj Bhavan.

The State government has found itself in a situation with little political precedent. It believes that Mr. Khan's actions pose a severe challenge to the governing ideal of federalism. The CPI(M)-led LDF has found a common cause with other non-BJP ruled States, primarily Tamil Nadu, which have had similar run-ins with their respective Governors. The DMK has promised to send its representative to join the LDF's Raj Bhavan siege.

However, an Achilles' heel of the government's case against the Governor is its failure to convincingly address accusations of nepotism and maladministration in State universities. The government has also not addressed the glaring disconnect between State university laws and UGC norms.

The increasingly strident stand-off between the Governor and the government may lead to another season of political turmoil in Kerala. Governance and public interest will likely be the causalities if the two entities fail to strike a detente.

However, the path to reconciliation appears distant at the current juncture. The CPI(M) has said it has no choice but to take up the gauntlet thrown down by Mr. Khan. The Kerala cabinet on November 9 resolved to request Mr. Khan to promulgate an ordinance removing the Governor as Chancellor of universities.

A higher number of promotions, but lower learning outcomes

SC/ST students have been impacted disproportionately by the pandemic as their learning outcomes have declined the most

DATA POINT

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Higher education in India is entering a worrying phase due to the unprecedented impact of COVID-19 on school education. On the one hand, with policies mandating the promotion of students, promotion rates at the secondary school level rose significantly and repetition rates nosedived during the pandemic years (2020-21 and 2021-22). On the other, the inability to attend physical school and the lack of access to digital education caused a massive drop in learning levels after the COVID-19 outbreak. Simply put, compared to students from the pre-COVID-19 years, more students were promoted from secondary to higher secondary school and graduated from school to college during the pandemic years even though their learning outcomes were poor. This is significant as even in the pre-COVID-19 era, the employability of engineers had been reducing fast due to the poor quality of education and the lack of conceptual understanding.

The Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE+) survey for 2021-22 shows that the promotion rate among secondary school students continued to increase even during the pandemic years. **Chart 1** shows the promotion rate of secondary school students across communities. Notably, the promotion rate among Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) students increased sharply after the outbreak. The promotion rate among Other Backward Classes (OBC) students continued to rise unabated.

Chart 2 shows the repetition rate of secondary school students across communities. The repetition rates too drastically came down in the pandemic years with some 1% students repeating their class across all communities. Notably, the gap in the repetition rate between SC/ST students and general category students declined greatly after the outbreak.

While the promotion rate surged and the repetition rate declined, the marks scored by school students in National Achievement Survey (NAS) exams dropped significantly across classes and in most subjects. NAS exams were conducted in November 2021 across select schools. Similar tests were conducted in 2017/2018. **Chart 3** shows the difference between the mean score in 2021 compared to the score in 2017/2018 among Class VIII and X students (SC/ST/OBC and general category) in various subjects. For instance, in the Class X Science exam, the score of general category students dropped by 34 marks, while that of SC, ST and OBC students declined by 45, 48 and 40 marks, respectively. So, there will be a disproportionately greater impact on SC and ST students as their learning outcomes reduced the most while their promotion rates saw the highest degree of rise among all the communities.

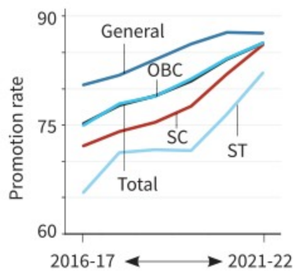
Chart 4 shows the dropout rate of secondary school students across communities. Despite reports such as a UNICEF poll and an Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) survey pointing out that dropout rates increased in India during the outbreak, UDISE+ data do not reflect this drop.

Table 5 shows the percentage of children not enrolled in school across age groups in 2018, 2020 and 2021, according to the ASER survey. ASER showed that except in the 15-16 age group, the share of children who were "not enrolled" in schools in 2020 and 2021 compared to 2018 increased in every other age group. However, the UDISE+ shows an increase in enrolment rate across all levels of education **(Table 6)**. This contradiction in data necessitates further scrutiny of the UDISE+ data.

Mind the knowledge gap

The data for charts 1, 2, 4 and table 6 were sourced from UDISE+ reports between 2016-17 and 2021-22. Table 5 was sourced from ASER and chart 3 was sourced from National Achievement Survey 2021 and 2017/18

Chart 1 | Promotion rate of secondary school students



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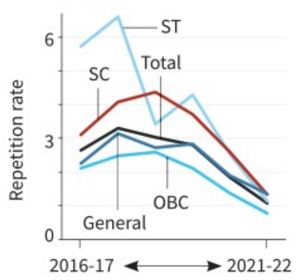

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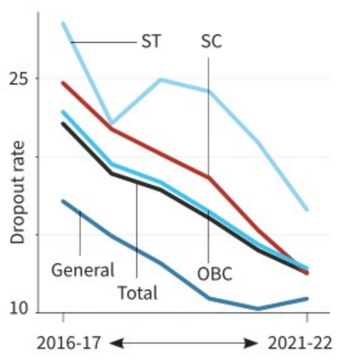


Table 5 | Share of children **not enrolled** in schools across age groups in 2018, 2020 and 2021, according to ASER

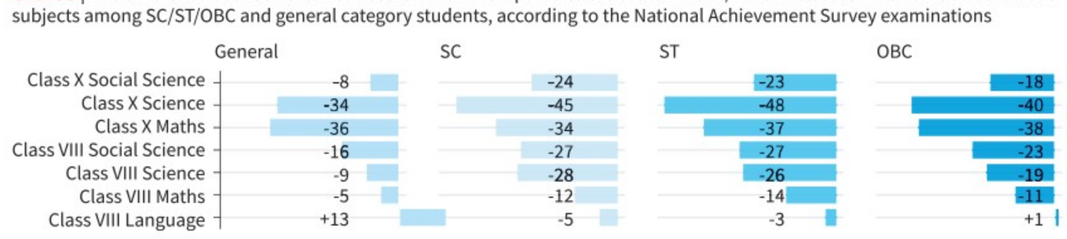
Age groups	Not enrolled in 2018	Not enrolled in 2020	Not enrolled in 2021
Age 6-14	2.5%	**4.6%**	**4.6%**
Age 7-16	3.9%	**5.2%**	**4.7%**
Age 7-10	1.4%	**4.4%**	**4.4%**
Age 11-14	3.2%	**3.9%**	**4.1%**
Age 15-16	12.1%	**9.9%**	**6.6%**

ASER 2021 was conducted in 25 States and 3 UTs. A total of 75,234 children in the age group of 5-16 years were covered by the survey

Table 6 | The table shows an increase in adjusted net enrollment rate in % across all levels of education from primary to higher secondary as reported by the UDISE+ data

Levels	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Primary	96.42	94.26	97.31	98.61	99.07
Upper primary	80.95	78.49	81.61	84.44	87.25
Secondary	62.24	57.59	59.98	61.85	64.71
Higher secondary	29.97	30.78	32.3	34.72	34.22

Chart 3 | The difference between the mean score in 2021 compared to the score in 2017/2018 in Classes VIII and X across various subjects among SC/ST/OBC and general category students, according to the National Achievement Survey examinations



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FIFTY YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 10, 1972

Minister wants ceiling on size of houses

Bangalore, Nov. 9: The Union Railway Minister, Mr. T.A. Pal, has urged State Governments to impose a ban on the construction of huge houses. Laying the foundation-stone for a Rs. 7 crore housing project of the Life Insurance Corporation called "Jeevan Bima Nagar", at HAL III State layout here to-day, Mr. Pal said that restrictions on size of houses should precede the legislation imposing ceilings on urban lands. According to Mr. Pal, if a restriction is put on the size of houses, it would help in curbing urban land value which had been steadily rising. It would enable the lower and middle income groups to own plots and build houses, he said. Mr. Pal suggested that the size of a house for a family of five should be 750 square feet. This control on house size should be in force still every citizen had a house of his own, he said. Mr. Pai, who is a former Chairman of the Life Insurance Corporation, suggested the creation of a subsidiary agency within the LIC exclusively for solving the mounting housing problem. The agency, he said, should take up construction of cheap houses for the homeless millions. It should merely borrow funds from the LIC and at the same time be free from the rigid rules and procedures which governed the Corporation. All funds for housing should be routed through this specialised agency, Mr. Pai said. The LIC, he pointed out, had spent as much as Rs. 300 crores so far on providing houses. Any one could take legitimate pride in this, he added.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO NOVEMBER 10, 1922

All steel trains

Bombay, Nov. 9: There was a trial run this evening of a new all steel suburban train of the G.I.P. railway between Victoria Terminus and Kurla. In view of the electrification of the suburban trains to be introduced shortly all steel trains will replace the old ones, to begin with, between Bombay and Kurla and later on up to Igatpuri on the North East Line and Poona South East. Five completed rakes of the first new train have been recently brought from England and car section put together in the Matunga Workshops of the G.I.P. Railway. Cars are built of steel. Carriages are similar in appearance and design to the best type now at work on London underground railways and trains are vestibuled so that access can be had to any carriage while the train is in motion.

From Page One

Kerala moves to remove Governor as Chancellor

In an apparent reference to the recent move by Mr. Khan questioning the appointment of Vice-Chancellors of 11 universities, Higher Education Minister R. Bindu said at a press conference that there were interferences in the functioning of varsities, which aimed at making them rudderless.

The CPI(M) also seemed to take a cue from the Tamil Nadu government, which had weighed a similar executive order after several run-ins with the Governor in his capacity as Chancellor.

In case Mr. Khan disagreed with the ordinance and withheld its promulgation, the government may introduce a Bill in the Assembly to remove him, senior CPI(M) leaders indicated.

Congress-led UDF not in favour

Although the ruling LDF has the numbers in the Assembly to push such a Bill through the House, it will face stiff opposition from the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF).

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly V.D. Satheesan said the ordinance to curtail the Governor's powers was not well-intentioned, and at worst, could be considered conspiratorial. The CPI(M) aspired to insert its favourites into Chancellor positions to take total control of the higher education sector to promote politically partisan interests, including nepotism in appointments, claimed Mr. Satheesan, adding that the UDF would not abide by the CPI(M)'s plot.

BJP State president K. Surendran warned the government to brace itself for aggressive street protests if it removed Mr. Khan from the Chancellor's position. He alleged that the ordinance was a cover for CPI(M)-orchestrated corruption and favouritism in varsity appointments.

(With PTI inputs)

D.Y. Chandrachud takes charge as the 50th Chief Justice of India

The new CJI has been part of several Constitution Benches and landmark verdicts of the top court, and describes dissent as the 'safety valve of democracy'. He will have a term of two years and will head the judiciary until November 10, 2024

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Justice Dhananjaya Yashwant Chandrachud was sworn in as the 50th Chief Justice of India (CJI) by President Droupadi Murmu at a brief ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on Wednesday.

He took the oath in English and in the name of God, in the presence of Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, and Law Minister Kiren Rijiju.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was not present, tweeted, "Congratulations to Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud on being sworn in as India's Chief Justice. Wishing him a fruitful tenure ahead."

His predecessor, Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, who demitted office on Tuesday, was present at the oath-taking ceremony. Justice Chandrachud as CJI will have a term of two years and will head India's judiciary until November 10, 2024, a day before he completes 65 years. His father, Y.V. Chandrachud, holds the distinction of being the longest-serving Chief Justice, who headed the judiciary from February 22, 1978 to July 11, 1985.

Taking office: D.Y. Chandrachud assumes charge as the Chief Justice of India after President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to him at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Wednesday. PTI

Chief Justice Chandrachud, who describes dissent as the "safety valve of democracy", has been part of several Constitution Benches and landmark verdicts of the top court, including judgments on the Ayodhya land dispute, and the right to privacy. He wrote the lead judgment for a nine-judge Constitution Bench in the *Justice K.S. Puttaswamy vs Union of India* case, in which it was unanimously held that the right to privacy was a Fundamental Right.

Recently, a Bench headed by him expanded the scope of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act to include unmarried women for abortion between 20 and 24 weeks of pregnancy.

The new Chief Justice has been part of the Benches that delivered path-breaking judgments on decriminalising same-sex relations, after it partially struck down Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code. He has been part of Benches that ruled on the validity of the Aadhaar scheme and the Sabarimala issue, and paved the way for permanent commission for women officers in the armed forces.

He was designated as a senior advocate by the Bombay High Court in June 1998 and became Additional Solicitor-General that year till his appointment as a judge in the Bombay High Court on March 29, 2000. He went on to become the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court from October 31, 2013 until he was elevated to the top court in May 2016.

Priority is to serve the common man, says CJI

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NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on Wednesday said he would endeavour to make the Supreme Court a "no-stress" court for everyone, while responding to the congratulations of lawyers present in the courtroom on his first working day as top judge.

The three-judge Bench led by CJI Chandrachud however started the day's court work with an apology for making the lawyers wait well past the scheduled time of 11.30 a.m. The Bench heard cases through most of the lunch break.

CJI Chandrachud was accompanied by Justices Hima Kohli and J.B. Pardiwala on the Bench.

Earlier in the day, Chief Justice Chandrachud told the media that his priority would be service to the common man. He said the key areas would be to use more technology to sharpen the justice delivery system, reforms in the Supreme Court Registry and prompt listing of cases.

ED again summons Jharkhand CM Soren

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has sent another summons to Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren, asking him to get his statement recorded on November 17, in connection with the alleged illegal mining case. The agency had earlier summoned Mr. Soren on November 3. However, he had sought three weeks' time owing to his prior commitments.

"If I've committed any wrong and am guilty, why questioning? Just come and arrest me, if you can," Mr. Soren said, while addressing a group of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha workers in Ranchi. He alleged that the summons was a ploy to harass a tribal Chief Minister and destabilise a democratically elected government.

The corrupt destroy the country, SC counters govt. in Navlakha case

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A Supreme Court Bench stated on Wednesday that it is the corrupt who destroy the country, in a sharp response to the government's claim that people like activist Gautam Navlakha, who is charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in the Bhima Koregaon case for alleged Maoist links, "want to destroy the country and their ideology is that type".

The Bench, led by Justice K.M. Joseph, asked, "Who destroys the country? Want me to tell you? People who are corrupt... What happens in every office you go into?" Justice Joseph was accompanied by Justice Hrishikesh Roy.

Additional Solicitor-General S.V. Raju sought to clarify that he was not defending the corrupt.

"I am not saying the corrupt should be exonerated... I am saying take action against them," Mr. Raju said.

> Recently, we saw a video in which people talk about crores of rupees to buy our so-called elected representatives. Are they not doing anything against our country?
> JUSTICE K.M. JOSEPH

Justice Joseph observed, "Who takes action against the corrupt? Recently, we saw a video in which people talk about crores of rupees to buy our so-called elected representatives. Are they not doing anything against our country? The point is you do not defend them (the corrupt), but they go on merrily... They are moneybags and they can get away with it."

The oral exchange came while hearing a plea made by the 70-year-old Mr. Navlakha to shift him from jail to house arrest for medical reasons.

The Bench referred to Father Stan Swamy, an 84-year-old Jesuit priest and tribal activist who died in hospital after a court refused him medical bail. The Bench also referred to Sudha Bhardwaj, a lawyer and another accused in the case, who had got bail.

In Mr. Navlakha's case, the court said it was considering only house arrest and not release on bail.

"He is a 70-year-old man. He is not in the best of health. We don't know how long he will live. Nobody knows... Certainly he is going towards the inevitable," Justice Joseph said.

The court asked the government to suggest restrictions it wanted to impose on him while in house arrest.

Justice Roy said it was a "little disturbing" to note that hardly any progress had been made since the chargesheet was filed in October 2020.

Mr. Raju contended that it would be difficult to monitor Mr. Navlakha if he was put in house arrest. He could link up with Maoists. The law officer also alleged ISI connections.

Mr. Raju said there were doctors and ambulances around the clock in the jail. He would be taken to a hospital of his choice even if it was a "sneezing problem".

Raut gets bail, court says he was arrested for no reason in money laundering case

Sonam Saigal
MUMBAI

A special court on Wednesday granted bail to Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray) MP Sanjay Raut in a money laundering case and said, "He was arrested for no reason and the arrest was illegal."

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) moved the Bombay High Court seeking a stay on the execution of the bail order. However, Justice Bharati Dangre said the matter will be heard on Thursday.

Special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) Judge M.G. Deshpande also granted bail to co-accused Pravin Raut on a bond of ₹2 lakh each. "Simply labelling pure civil disputes with 'money laundering' or 'economic offence' cannot automatically acquire such status and ultimately drag an innocent person in a miserable situation in the guise of arrest. Court has to do what is right irrespective of who is before it," the court said.

Sanjay Raut

Mr. Raut was arrested on August 1 by the ED on allegations of money laundering and irregularities pertaining to the redevelopment of Patra Chawl in Mumbai's Goregaon. It was alleged by the ED that the developers, one of whom is a close associate of Mr. Raut, fraudulently made ₹1,039.79 crore from this scheme and Mr. Raut also benefited from it.

The order pointed out, "From the record materials and the discussion made it is clear how Pravin Raut is arrested for a pure civil litigation, whereas, Sanjay Raut for no reason. This truth is glaring."

The court questioned the MHADA's conduct and observed, "The conduct of MHADA right from the beginning, till date is suspicious. Even ED admitted the same in their complaints, yet ED has not made any staff of MHADA an accused. Lodging FIR on one fine morning can neither throw dust in the eyes of the court nor can brush off and wash out long civil litigation."

With new norms, TV channels must broadcast 'socially relevant' content

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Union Cabinet has approved new guidelines for uplinking and downlinking of television channels in India, under which all the stations holding permission – except for foreign channels and where it may not be feasible – will have to broadcast content on issues of national importance and social relevance for at least 30 minutes every day.

The provision has been introduced as "airwaves/frequencies are public property and need to be used in the best interest of society". The eight listed themes include education and spread of literacy; agriculture and rural development; health and family welfare; science and technology; welfare of women; welfare of the weaker sections of society; protection of environment and of cultural heritage; and national integration.

Since airwaves are 'public property', they need to be used in the best interest of society, says the government. SANDEEP SAXENA

The consolidated guidelines exempt the channels including those related to sports, where it would not be feasible to broadcast such content. As and when required, the Centre would issue general advisories to the channels in this regard.

Information & Broadcasting Secretary Apurva Chandra on Wednesday said the new guidelines which replaced those operational since 2011, would ease the issue of permission to the companies and limited liability partnership (LLP) firms [which have been allowed for the first time] registered in India for uplinking-downlinking of TV channels and associated activities.

Listing the advantages, Mr. Chandra said the requirement to seek permission for live telecast of events had been done away with, only prior registration of events would be necessary for live telecast. Prior permission would not be needed for change of language or conversion of mode of transmission, from Standard Definition to High Definition or vice versa; only prior intimation would suffice.

Teleport-hub

While specific timelines have been proposed for the grant of permission, LLPs/companies would be allowed to uplink foreign channels from Indian teleports which would create employment opportunities and make India a teleport-hub for other countries, it said, also adding that a news agency could now get permission for a five-year period as against one year at present.

The Ministry said a channel could be uplinked by using facilities of more than one teleport/satellite. The guidelines have broadened the possibility of allowing the transfer of TV channel/teleport to a company/LLP, as permissible under the Companies Act or the Limited Liability Act.

There is also a provision of security deposits to ensure the payment of dues.

Construction work starts at Adani-backed Colombo port

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

The construction of the Adani Group-led terminal project at the strategically located Colombo Port officially commenced on Wednesday, a year after the Indian company sealed the deal with Sri Lanka Ports Authority and conglomerate John Keells Holdings.

Said to be the largest foreign investment – nearly $700 million – in the island nation's ports sector, the West Container Terminal project was offered as a "compromise" to India after Colombo unilaterally pulled out of a trilateral agreement with India and Japan to develop the East Container Terminal.

Indian High Commissioner Gopal Baglay said the WCT is "another bridge" between India and Sri Lanka to "promote shared prosperity through closer economic partnership."

'Embarrassing' to adjourn demonetisation case, says Constitution Bench of SC

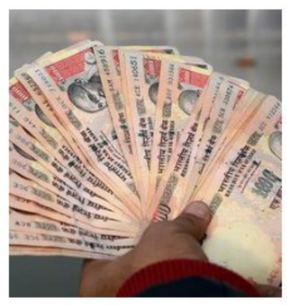
The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A Constitution Bench on Wednesday found it "very embarrassing' when the government sought an adjournment in the demonetisation case to file a "comprehensive affidavit".

"Normally, a Constitution Bench never adjourns like this. We never rise like this once we have started. It is very embarrassing for this court," a five-judge Bench, led by Justice S. Abdul Nazeer, said.

Usually, setting up a Constitution Bench requires a lot of planning as judges are drawn from different Benches and away from their regular cases to hear the issue in question, which would be a significant one.

However, Attorney-General R. Venkataramani, for the government, urged the court to grant him a week's time while apologising for the delay. The court postponed the hearing to November 24.



In 2016, demonetisation was done through a notification issued under RBI Act, 1934.

On October 12, in a preliminary hearing, the Bench had asked the government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) whether it had realised its stated objectives of choking black money, terror financing and fake currency through its policy to demonetise ₹500 and ₹1,000 notes in 2016.

The government had been urging the Bench not to "waste" judicial time on the issue of demonetisation. Mr. Venkataramani had termed the case as "academic" in nature as things had long settled. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had questioned the very maintainability of the case. Senior advocates P. Chidambaram and Shyam Divan, for petitioners, had however countered that the issue was "very much alive". Demonetisation in 1946 and 1978 were implemented through separate Acts debated by the Parliament. In 2016, it was done through a mere notification issued under provisions of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. They had said the court should declare the law or nothing would stop the government from repeating the exercise, which had seen "horrendous consequences".

Congress sticks to local matters, BJP delves into national issues in H.P.

The stage is all set for a fight between the traditional rivals who are employing contrasting strategies for the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election; each party has been taking jibes at the other over their different campaigning styles

Vikas Vasudeva
SHIMLA

As electioneering peaks in the run-up to the November 12 Assembly election in Himachal Pradesh, the ruling BJP is seen evoking national issues. On the other hand, its key challenger, the Congress, has largely been sticking to local issues and targeting the "poor governance" of the incumbent BJP in the State.

Over the past three decades, the 68-member Assembly has witnessed a bipolar contest between the Congress and the BJP. This time, again, the stage is all set for a fight between these traditional rivals, who are employing contrasting strategies in this hill State.

Game plan: Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a public meeting at Chambi in Himachal Pradesh on Wednesday. PTI

The BJP has been aggressively campaigning for the past few months, and prominent leaders including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the party's national president, J.P. Nadda, who hails from Himachal Pradesh, have addressed several rallies.

The electioneering for the Congress, however, has so far been largely steered by the party's general secretary, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, and the State leadership.

In its campaign, the BJP has been speaking of the benefits of a "double engine" government, besides taking up national issues such as the dilution of Article 370, the construction of the Ram Temple and India's cross-border air strike. A promise to implement the Uniform Civil Code has found a prominent place in the BJP's manifesto as well.

The Congress, on the other hand, has been cautious not to lose focus on the local State-level issues it is using to corner the BJP government, including increasing unemployment, rising prices, poor administrative governance, corruption allegations, non-restoration of the Old Pension Scheme for government employees, and the problems of horticulturists and farmers. These are some of the issues around which the Congress has woven its campaign and carried it out at the ground level, though it fell short in large rallies in comparison to the BJP's aggressive campaign.

In fact, both parties have been taking a jibe at each other in their campaigning styles as well.

The Congress has maintained that the BJP is campaigning aggressively because it has sensed its defeat in the upcoming election.

The BJP, however, has been pointing out the absence of Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi from election campaigning, and terming this as proof of their indifference towards Himachal Pradesh.

Watch | Talking politics: Himachal Pradesh polls
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With the President

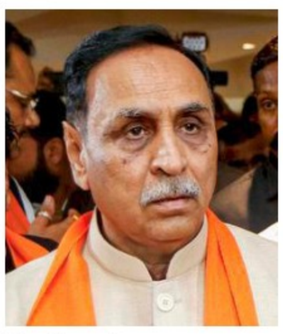
Dr. Malini Parthasarathy, Chairperson of The Hindu Group Publishing Private Ltd., calling on President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Wednesday. "She is indeed an inspiration for women & all aspirational Indians. Her hard-earned ascent to the highest office is a fine reflection of the success of our democratic republic," Dr. Parthasarathy posted on Twitter after the meeting. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Vijay Rupani, former Cabinet colleagues opt out of contest in Gujarat Assembly election

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

Former Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, his deputy, Nitin Patel, and other top Cabinet colleagues of his erstwhile government have opted out of contesting the Assembly election.

The move came just before the National Parliamentary Board of the BJP began its crucial meet on Wednesday to select candidates for the election.



Vijay Rupani

Mr. Rupani announced the decision in Rajkot, while Mr. Patel wrote to State party chief C.R. Paatil regarding his decision.

Subsequently, former Ministers Kaushik Patel, Saurabh Patel, R.C. Faldu, Bhupendrasinh Chudasama and Pradipsinh Jadeja separately announced their decision to opt out of the race.

According to party sources, it was expected that most of the Ministers who served in the Rupani administration would be dropped from the candidate list, just like how the entire Cabinet was dropped when the BJP high command effected a change of guard in the State in September last year.

'New workers'

"I worked as Chief Minister for five years with everyone's cooperation. In these polls, responsibility should be given to new workers. We'll work to make chosen candidate win," Mr. Rupani said.

The BJP is expected to replace around 40 sitting legislators and bring in new faces. "It is our strategy to field new faces, give opportunity to new people," a senior leader told *The Hindu*.

The move to change sitting legislators *en masse* appears to be a strategy against the anti-incumbency factor. Another factor that has apparently contributed to the ouster of some party veterans is their reputation as there were some allegations about their integrity.

Cong. stands for unity, while BJP believes in uniformity: Jairam

Abhinay Deshpande
NAIGAON

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is having a direct conversation with the people across the country through the Bharat Jodo Yatra since he is not allowed to speak in Parliament, former Union Minister Jairam Ramesh said here on Wednesday.

"He [Mr. Gandhi] is shouted down when he stands to speak. The Speaker doesn't give him time. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Defence, but is not allowed to ask questions on China," Mr. Ramesh said at a press conference.

The Congress leader said that the Yatra was not a *chunav jeeto yatra* (win polls journey) and that it started with an aim to unite the country against "divisive" politics.

"We are getting an overwhelming response. People from all walks of life are walking with Mr. Gandhi to share their problems," Mr. Ramesh said.

"The RSS [Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh] and the BJP do not believe in 'unity in diversity', of which India is an example. They believe in uniformity, whereas we stand for unity," Mr. Ramesh said.

"We are not worried about the impact of the yatra. Only time will decide, but it has re-energised the party organisation. It is a *sanjeevini* [life-giving medicine] for the Congress party. We are rediscovering the mass contact that we lost when we were in office," the Congress leader said.

Ahead of polls, another Cong. veteran joins BJP in Gujarat

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Bhaga Barad, senior Congress legislator and prominent Ahir community leader, resigned from the Gujarat Assembly and joined the BJP on Wednesday. The development comes a day after another Congress leader Mohansinh Rathwa joined the ruling party.

Mr. Barad is from the Ahir community, which belongs to the OBC category and is spread across Saurashtra districts. He is likely to contest the Assembly election in the Talala constituency on BJP ticket.

Since the 2017 Assembly polls, 19 Congress MLAs have defected to the BJP. The BJP is recruiting Congress leaders with a social base in tribal pockets.

'BJP won't return to power'

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

Accusing the BJP of sparking a debate on the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 whenever elections approach, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday said that the party will not return to power in 2024.

"Whenever elections are around, the BJP speaks of implementing the CAA and the NRC. By speaking of the CAA they try to confuse people," she said.

Mainpuri bypoll will decide future of U.P.: Shivpal

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

With the byelections for the Mainpuri Lok Sabha and two Assembly constituencies just around the corner, the political temperature in Uttar Pradesh is beginning to rise.

Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia) founder Shivpal Singh Yadav said on Wednesday that his party was the "real Samajwadi Party" and inheritor of the ideas of his brother Mulayam Singh, who died recently.

He said the Mainpuri byelection would "decide the fate of Uttar Pradesh and the country", and alleged that his estranged nephew and SP president Akhilesh Yadav was "surrounded by sycophants". The Mainpuri seat fell vacant following the death of Mulayam.

Asked about the candidature of Tej Pratap Singh Yadav from the SP, and Mulayam's daughter-in-law Aparna Yadav from the BJP, Mr. Shivpal gave no clear answers. The byelections are scheduled for December 5.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU / PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
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FORM OF CONTRACT: LUMPSUM / ITEM WISE RATE TENDER
PRE QUALIFICATION & PRICE TENDER (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
TENDER NOTICE NO.10 / 2022-23 / BCM / TVR / Dated: 08.11.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, sealed Tenders (Two Covers) are invited from the PWD Registered contractors in the field, for the following work and the same will be received up to **3.00 PM on 14.12.2022** and will be opened on the same day at **3.30 PM** in the presence of those tenderers or their representatives who choose to be present:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approx value of work (including GST @ 18%) (Rs.in.Lakhs)	EMD
1.	Construction of 50 Bedded Critical Care Blocks in Government Medical College Hospital at **Tiruvarur** in Tiruvarur District.	Rs.1644.00	Rs.8,32,000/-

NOTE: (1) Schedule available period from : **11.11.2022 to 13.12.2022 upto 5.45 PM.**
(2) The evidences on the minimum qualification criteria mentioned in the Pre Qualification. Application should be furnished in Cover-I without any omissions at the time of submission of **pre qualification tender** itself. Any Omissions in this regard will be summarily rejected.
(3) Period of Contract, Eligibility of Contractors and all other details can be seen & downloaded from the website **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in** If any changes/ corrections etc., to the tender details it will be published on the above website only.

Superintending Engineer, P.W.D.,
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DIPR/5002/Tender/2022

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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR, UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) TRIBUNAL,
CHAMBER NO. 15, GROUND FLOOR,
BLOCK 'A', DELHI HIGH COURT, NEW DELHI-110503

RE: Notification bearing No. S.O.4559(E) dated 27th September, 2022, published in the Official Gazette on 28th September, 2022 declaring the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates or affiliates or fronts including Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CFI), All India Imams Council (AIIC), National Confederation of Human Rights Organization (NCHRO), National Women's Front, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala as "unlawful association" in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (3) of Section-3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention), 1967 read with Notification No. S.O.4758(E) dated 06th October, 2022

To

Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates or affiliates or fronts

WHEREAS the Central Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (3) of Section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") has declared Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates or affiliates or fronts vide Notification No. S.O.4559 (E) dated 27th September, 2022 [published in the Gazette of India: Extraordinary Part II. Section 3 (ii)].

AND WHEREAS by Gazette Notification No. S.O.4758(E) dated 06th October, 2022 [published in the Gazette of India: Extraordinary Part II, Section 3 (ii)], in exercise of powers under sub-section (1) of Section 5 read with subsection (1) of Section 4 of the Act, the Central Government has constituted a Tribunal comprising Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma, Judge of the High Court of Delhi, for adjudicating as to whether there is sufficient cause for declaring Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates or affiliates or fronts including Rehab India Foundation (RIF), Campus Front of India (CFI), All India Imams Council (AIIC), National Confederation of Human Rights Organization (NCHRO), National Women's Front, Junior Front, Empower India Foundation and Rehab Foundation, Kerala as "Unlawful Association" as required by subsection (1) of Section 4 of the said Act.

NOW THEREFORE, a notice is hereby given under sub-section (2) of Section 4 of the Act and you are hereby called upon to show cause, within 30 days from the date of service of notice, as to why your Associations, declared as unlawful, be not adjudicated to be so and why an order confirming such declaration be not made under Section 4(3) of the Act.

The objections/reply affidavits, if any, may be filed/delivered, before the next date of hearing of the Tribunal, to the undersigned at his office in Chamber No. 15, Ground Floor, 'A' Block, Delhi High Court, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi-110503. In case the objections/reply and the documents are in regional language, true English Translation thereof be also attached.

You may appear through a duly authorized person before the Tribunal on 08.12.2022 at 4:00 pm in Court Room No. 24 Ground Floor, 'A' Block, Delhi High Court, Sher Shah Road, New Delhi-110503 for further proceedings.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal, High Court of Delhi, New Delhi this the 31st October, 2022.

Sd/- (Reetesh Singh)
Registrar
(02746/F4/2022/I&PRD) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal

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Selection of Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore

Invitation of Applications for the Post of Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, Mysuru as per Section 14(2) of Karnataka State University Act, 2000.

The Higher Education Department, Government of Karnataka invites Applications for the Post of Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore, Mysuru. The application should be submitted within Twenty Days (20) from the date of this notification. The detailed application form and further details are available on Higher Education Department website **https://hed.karnataka.gov.in**

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Sd/- Principal Secretary to Govt.
Department of Higher Education

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI,
TIRUPATI DISTRICT, A.P.
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
e- PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Adv.No.46/D3/CE/TTD/2022-23, NIT No.328/SE-II/TTD/2022-23 09.11.2022

Name of Works : (1) Construction of Rock Fall Protection works along the ghat roads, Tirumala. Amount 500 Lakhs, Time for completion: 9 Months. Schedule Download start date: 11.11.2022 (05.00 PM); Download end date:29.11.2022 (1.00 PM) & Last date for bid submission:29.11.2022(3.00 PM).Note: For full Details log on to the website https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in/ or http://www.apeprocurement.gov.in/

ROC No. PR4/13948/Adv. No.282/ PRO/2022, Dated: 09.11.2022 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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1	SE/Transmission-IV	T-2279	1
2	SE/Transmission-III	T 2276	1

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Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

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STATEMENT OF STANDALONE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2022

(₹ in Crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended 30.09.2022 Un-audited	Quarter ended 30.09.2021 Un-audited	Year ended 31.03.2022 Audited
1.	Total income from Operations	3,092.99	2,846.31	10,161.58
2.	Net profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items#)	(86.14)	131.21	(496.39)
3.	Net profit / (Loss) for the period before Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items#)	(86.14)	131.21	(440.18)
4.	Net profit / (Loss) for the period after Tax (after Exceptional and / or Extraordinary items#)	(86.14)	131.21	(440.18)
5.	Total comprehensive income for the period [comprising profit / (loss) for the period (after Tax) and other comprehensive income (after Tax)]	(86.14)	131.21	(440.18)
6.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Fully paid Equity Shares of Rs.1,000/- each issued at Par)	2,791.22	576.71	2,791.22
7.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	(8,132.86)	(7,546.83)	(7,886.18)
8.	Securities Premium Account	--	--	--
9.	Net Worth	(5,341.64)	(6,970.12)	(5,094.96)
10.	Paid-up Debt Capital / Outstanding debt	6,750.36	9,325.92	6,670.59
11.	Outstanding Redeemable Preference share	--	--	--
12.	Debt-Equity Ratio	2.46	16.17	2.39
13.	Earnings Per Share (of Rs.1,000/- each) (for continuing and discontinued Operations) - 1. Basic :	(30.86)	227.52	(748.14)
	2. Diluted :	(30.86)	227.52	(748.14)
14.	Capital Redemption Reserve	--	--	--
15.	Debenture Redemption Reserve	--	--	--
16.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	0.02	0.07	0.14
17.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	0.31	1.86	0.41

 # - Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind AS Rules.

Notes :

a) The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Annual Financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the LODR Regulations. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the website: https://www.bseindia.com and on the company website : https://www.gridco.co.in/.

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c) There is no change in accounting policies and accordingly there is no impact on net profit/ loss, total comprehensive income or any other relevant financial item(s).

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INBRIEF

Tushar Mehta to lead Indian delegation to UNHRC

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta will lead the official Indian delegation to the Human Rights Council where the Fourth Universal Periodic Review will take place on Thursday, the Ministry of External Affairs has announced. A press release stated that India has been "engaged constructively" with members of the UNHRC and others in the United Nations to support human rights across the world. The announcement came hours before the session where countries like the United States, U.K., Belgium, Germany and Spain are expected to raise issues like the Citizenship Amendment Act and incidents of "hate speech" and the hijab issue of Karnataka.

SC gives Azam Khan leeway to seek stay on conviction

The Supreme Court on Wednesday directed the Election Commission of India to issue the Gazette notification for declaring the byelection schedule for the Rampur Assembly constituency on or after Friday, giving Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan time to seek a stay on his conviction in a hate speech case that led to his disqualification from the seat. A Bench led by Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud further advanced the hearing date of Mr. Khan's plea to stay his conviction. The Bench ordered a Rampur Additional Sessions Court to hear the application on November 10 and decide it the same day. The case was originally listed on November 15.

Plea against acquittal of BJP leaders in Babri case dropped

The Allahabad High Court on Wednesday dismissed the criminal appeal filed against the order of a special CBI court in Lucknow that acquitted senior BJP leaders L.K. Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi, Uma Bharti and 28 others accused of criminal conspiracy in the Babri Masjid demolition case. The court said the appellants were not "real victims" in the matter, which also became the reason for the dismissal of the instant appeal. The judgment was delivered by Justice Ramesh Sinha and Justice Saroj Yadav on the instant criminal appeal filed by the appellants, Haji Mohboob Ahmad and Syed Akhlaq Ahmad, residents of Ayodhya.

Pune firm gets $155.5 million export order for artillery guns

Pune-based Bharat Forge Limited has won a $155.50mn export order for a 155mm artillery gun platform to be executed in three years. "We are pleased to inform that Kalyani Strategic Systems Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, has been awarded an export order for a 155mm Artillery Gun platform to be executed over a 3-year time frame. The total value of the order is $155.50 Mln," it informed Bombay Stock Exchange. "This order…is a great testament to the Government of India's…push to promote exports of Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured advanced defence platforms from India," the statement added.

Pashmina shawls have Shahtoosh guard hair, say Customs officials; all fluff, counter traders and artisans

SPECIAL

Soibam Rocky Singh
NEW DELHI

Traders of universally prized Pashmina shawls are complaining that "obsolete testing methods" have resulted in many of their export consignments being flagged by Customs authorities for presence of Shahtoosh guard hair, which is obtained from endangered Tibetan antelopes. The traders claim the use of obsolete techniques such as "light microscopy" by the authorities has resulted in several cases of "false positives", leading to their wrongful prosecution.

Pashmina is obtained from a breed of mountain goats (*Capra hircus*) found on the Changthang Plateau in Tibet and parts of Ladakh. Manufacture of Pashmina is a largely unorganised cottage and handicraft industry, providing employment and livelihood to approximately six lakh people, most notably to local skilled villagers and artisans in Kashmir.

Shahtoosh, on the other hand, is the fine undercoat fibre obtained from the Tibetan antelope, known locally as *chiru*, a species living mainly in the northern parts of the Changthang Plateau in Tibet. As they offer high levels of smoothness and warmth, Shahtoosh shawls is a highly expensive commodity.

However, when their population declined dramatically from commercial poaching, CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna & Flora) listed the Tibetan antelope in 1979, leading to a ban on sale and trade of Shahtoosh shawls and scarves.

Difficult to differentiate

As the two materials have similar physical properties and tangibility, differentiation is hard without advanced scientific forensic methods.

Heavy price: Many Pashmina traders quit the trade, given the problems that come with such inquiry. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Naqeed Qazi, a Pashmina trader, has first-hand experience of one of his export consignments of Pashmina shawls getting flagged by Customs authorities for presence of Shahtoosh. "I had sought DNA testing of the consignment but my appeal was rejected," Mr. Naqeed said. The sample from his consignment was instead sent to the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun, which employs light microscopy technique to look for the presence of Shahtoosh. The light microscopy method, Mr. Naqeed said, "is subjective and depended to a large extent on the expertise of the examiner."

"My case then involved the CBI. The agency came to my office in Kashmir and went to the artisans. Now, Enforcement Directorate (ED) has got involved in the case and they are looking into the money laundering angle. This is all being done on the basis of one wrong test," Mr. Naqeed rued.

Another Pashmina trader, Imran Rashid, said due to the "prevailing system", a lot of export orders get cancelled as it takes months – in some cases years – for the shipment to eventually be released by the officials.

"As a result, the value of Pashmina exports has dropped from over ₹750 crore six or seven years ago to about ₹100 crore today," Mr. Rashid said. As many of the exporters do not want to get into this kind of trouble, many have quit the export-end of business and are focussing on retail, he said, adding, "That's why there is such a huge dip in exports."

HC moved

Left with no other option, the Pashmina Exporters and Manufacturers Association has moved a petition before the Delhi High Court, for a direction to improve the existing testing infrastructure by incorporating the modern "scanning electron microscopic" technique and DNA tests.

Advocates Tanveer Ahmed Mir and Kartik Venu, who represented the association, said the ambiguity in the forensic results adversely affected the reputation and finances of the Pashmina industry.

Mr. Mir said that the traders were subjected to both Customs prosecutions – on suspicion of presence of Shahtoosh guard hair – as well as criminal prosecutions by the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), CBI, and ED, possibly leading to incarceration up to seven years, even when it is not clearly proved if the material used is in fact a contraband.

India contributes only about 1% of the world's Pashmina, but the Pashmina produced in India is considered the best of the lot.

Publishing papers not mandatory for Ph.D. scholars

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The University Grants Commission has said that though publication of research papers in peer-reviewed journals might not be mandatory anymore for Ph.D. scholars, it would have value when they applied for employment or post-doctoral opportunities.

In new guidelines for Ph.D. scholars, which were notified on Monday, the UGC had done away with the compulsory requirement of getting research papers published in peer-reviewed journals before the final thesis was submitted. UGC Chairperson M. Jagadeesh Kumar, in a statement, said even if publication of research paper in peer-reviewed journals was not compulsory, it did not mean Ph.D. students should stop doing that altogether. "Focussing on high-quality research will lead to publications in good journals, even if it is not mandatory. It will add value when they apply for employment or post-doctoral opportunities," Mr. Kumar said.

Level of groundwater extraction lowest in 18 years, finds study

Total groundwater recharge was 437.6 billion cubic metres, as opposed to extraction of 239.16 bcm, reports Ministry of Water Resources

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Groundwater extraction in India saw an 18-year decline, according to an assessment by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) made public on Wednesday.

The total annual groundwater recharge for the entire country is 437.6 billion cubic metres (bcm) and annual groundwater extraction for the entire country is 239.16 bcm, according to the 2022 assessment report. Further, out of the total 7,089 assessment units in the country, 1,006 units have been categorised as "over-exploited" in the report.

By comparison, an assessment in 2020 found that the annual groundwater recharge was 436 bcm and extraction 245 bcm. In 2017, recharge was 432 bcm and extraction 249 bcm. The 2022 assessment suggests that groundwater extraction is the lowest since 2004, when it was 231 bcm.

Promising data: The last time groundwater extraction was this low was in 2004, at 231 bcm. AKHILESH KUMAR

Such joint exercises between the CGWB and States/Union Territories were carried out earlier in 1980, 1995, 2004, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2017 and 2020.

"A detailed analysis of the information collected from the assessment indicates increase in ground water recharge which may mainly be attributed to increase in recharge from canal seepage, return flow of irrigation water and recharges from water bodies/tanks & water conservation structures. Further, analysis indicates improvement in ground water conditions in 909 assessment units in the country when compared with 2017 assessment data. In addition, overall decrease in number of over-exploited units and decrease in stage of groundwater extraction level have also been observed," the Ministry of Water Resources said in a statement.

The full report wasn't made public by the Ministry.

U.K. court rejects Nirav Modi's appeal against extradition

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Nirav Modi

The United Kingdom's High Court on Wednesday turned down the appeal of fugitive Nirav Modi against a District Court verdict, based on which the then-Secretary of State had, on April 15, 2021, ordered his extradition to India.

The court accepted the Indian government's assurances taking Mr. Modi's mental health concerns into account, noting that its proposed arrangements were more comprehensive than the regime available at his current prison in the U.K. Mr. Modi may explore further legal recourse to challenge the judgment.

Along with his uncle Mehul Choksi, Mr. Modi is wanted by the Central Bureau of Investigation and the Enforcement Directorate for his alleged involvement in the ₹13,758 crore Punjab National Bank fraud, and has been in judicial custody in the U.K. since March 2019.

Mr. Modi had contended that owing to his mental health condition, a risk of suicide and the "vague and sketchy" assurances from the Government of India (GoI) about the medical aid to be made available to him, he should not be extradited to India. In August 2021, another court in the U.K. had allowed him to appeal on two grounds, including the mental health issue. Having considered Mr. Modi's medical records, opinions of health experts and the submissions made by the Indian government, the High Court said: "..the GoI assurances are extensive and, as we have set out above, specific to meet the successive levels of concern that have been advanced on Mr. Modi's behalf. The arrangements that we are assured will be put in place are appropriate to Mr. Modi's present and anticipated mental condition."

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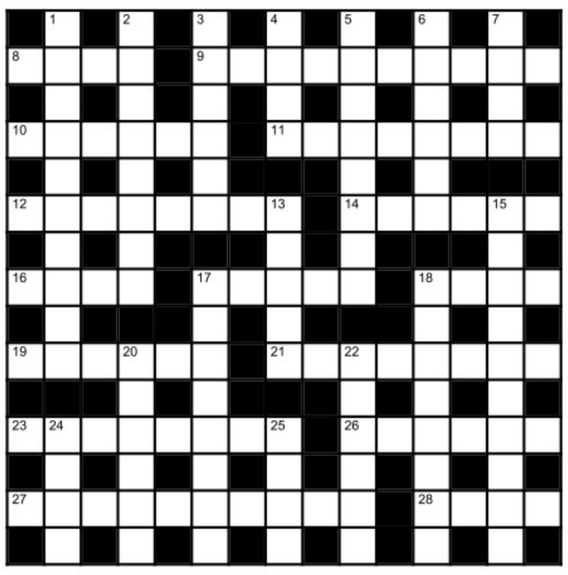

Across

8 Cat-call from home-owner (4)
9 Change trains when moving, carrying that thing with round bearing (10)
10 Chemical part of chalk alight (6)
11 Ran exotic cruise carrying rector and daughter (8)
12 Men leaving Westminster renovation for scamsters (8)
14 Very happy journalist is covering deceased (6)
16 Worried, a dame left Magdalene in narrow valley (4)
17 Dark thing is blown up (5)
18 Remove coal from criminal Al Capone's nucha (4)
19 Accepts, "Girl is wearing winding saree" (6)
21 Climbed a steepled church initially and finished (8)
23 Enacts in accordance with documents that need to be filled up (8)
26 Before model wrongly bares heart (6)
27 Victor, in Seattle, wanders displaying airs (10)
28 Commercial establishment's head office gets piano (4)

Down

1 Shout, "Wolf runs away guardedly at first, showing sign of disease" (6,4)
2 Administers oath to fold new saris (6,2)
3 Dress excited stripteaser in absence of press (6)
4 Fish having low sound? (4)
5 Cooked up ten clues fit for consumption (8)
6 Bird in South Africa gets chest bones (6)
7 Commanding officer and setter arrive (4)
13 With beginners, symbol in Greek means addition (5)
15 Once, print media rejected most popular announcement (10)
17 Diseased tonsils cover middle of pharynx and holes used for breathing (8)
18 Number over South, East, North and South-East? That's gibberish! (8)
20 Girlish English females tee off (6)
22 Little animal is initially trained by Picasso, for example (6)
24 First: Female's right for eternity (4)
25 Piece of land mentioned in TANSI tender (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

In Nammazhvar's footsteps

Ramanujacharya asked his disciple Srivatsanka Mishra to teach Thiruvaimozhi to his disciples. But while explaining the very first pasuram, Srivatsanka Mishra fainted due to his amazement at the greatness of the Lord described by Nammazhvar. Ramanuja was reminded of the incident where Nammazhvar himself fainted as he contemplated Krishna's simplicity in allowing Yasoda to tie Him up. Ramanuja therefore felt that his disciple deserved to be called Azhvar, said Elayavilli Sriram, in a discourse. But Srivatsanka Mishra felt that this was an honour that belonged only to Nammazhvar. So he chose to be called Azhvan instead. Srivatsanka Mishra was from Kooram, a village near Kanchipuram, and he came to be known as Kooratazhvan. The influence of Nammazhvar on Kooratazhvan is evident in his works.

Of Kooratazhvan's Panchastava, Sri Vaikuntha Stava was the first. Here he talks of the Supremacy of Lord Narayana. Nammazhvar in his Thiruvaimozhi also begins by talking of the Lord's Supremacy. The first pasuram of Thiruvaimozhi gives the essence of the whole work. In Nammazhvar's pasuram, the very first word – 'uyarvara' – indicates that none is equal to or superior to Vishnu. Likewise, in Kooratazhvan's Atimanusha stava, the very first word – 'atimanusha' – gives the essence of the work. Even when He took the human form, the Lord's actions were extraordinary beyond what an ordinary mortal could ever do. That is the significance of his vibhava avataras. Nammazhvar began by talking of the Lord's Supremacy, but later spoke of His saulabhya. His simplicity despite His superiority, is His distinctive quality.

LONDON

King Charles III narrowly avoids being hit by eggs in York

King Charles III and his wife Queen Consort Camilla narrowly avoided being hit with eggs thrown at them during a visit to northern England on Wednesday. A man was heard shouting "this country was built on the blood of slaves" and "not my king" before he was detained by police officers as the incident occurred. AP

DHAKA

IMF agrees $4.5 billion aid package for Bangladesh to battle inflation

The IMF said on Wednesday it reached a preliminary agreement to provide Bangladesh with a $4.5 billion support package to help it cope with soaring energy and food prices. Bangladesh plans to use the IMF loan to prop up its foreign exchange reserves, which have nosedived from $46 billion to $34 billion. AFP

RAMALLAH

Teenager among two Palestinians dead in West Bank violence

Two Palestinians including a teenager were killed in unrest in the occupied West Bank on Wednesday, one of them in clashes during a visit by right-wing Israeli politicians to a sensitive religious site. According to Palestinian officials, a 15-year-old boy died of "serious wounds caused by shrapnel". REUTERS

JAKARTA

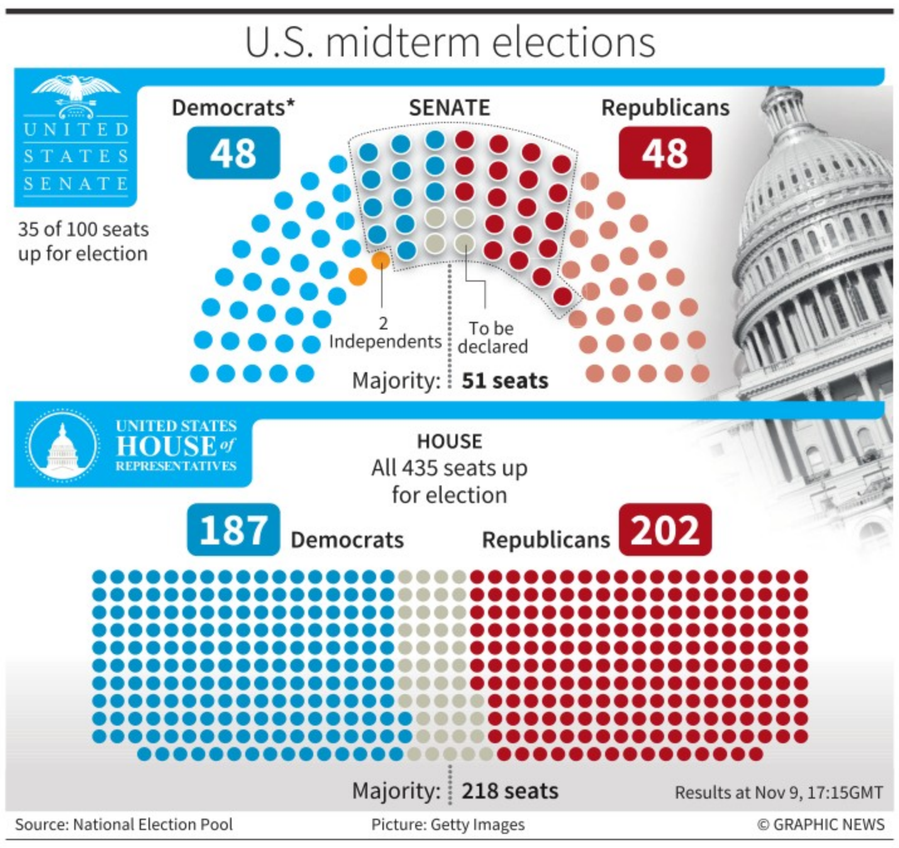
Licences of firms that made syrups linked to child deaths revoked

Indonesia's food and drug agency revoked the licences of two firms to distribute materials used in syrup medicines linked to a wave of child deaths caused by kidney failure or damage. Two potentially harmful chemicals — diethylene glycol and ethylene glycol — were found in the companys' supplies of propylene glycol. AFP

Republicans fight to retake House, control of Senate too early to call

In the most heartening news for Democrats, John Fetterman flipped Pennsylvania's Republican-controlled Senate seat that's key to the party's hopes of maintaining control of the chamber. Votes still being counted across the country

Associated Press
WASHINGTON



Republicans were fighting on Wednesday to retake the House in the U.S. while control of the Senate hinged on tight Arizona, Nevada and Georgia races in midterm elections that defied expectations of sweeping conservative victories driven by frustration over inflation and President Joe Biden's leadership.

In the most heartening news for Democrats, John Fetterman flipped Pennsylvania's Republican-controlled Senate seat that's key to the party's hopes of maintaining control of the chamber. But Republican Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin won reelection, raising the stakes of races that were too early to call.

In the House, Democrats kept seats in districts from Virginia to Kansas to Rhode Island, while many districts in States like New York and California had not been called. But Republicans were also notching victories, including toppling House Democratic campaign chief Sean Patrick Maloney of New York.

The race for control of Congress will determine the future of Mr. Biden's agenda and serve as a referendum on his administration as the nation reels from record-high inflation and concerns over the direction of the country. A Republican House majority would likely trigger a spate of investigations into Mr. Biden and his family, while a GOP Senate takeover would hobble the President's ability to make judicial appointments.

Democrats were successful in Governors' races, winning in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania – battlegrounds critical to Mr. Biden's 2020 win. But Republicans held on to Governors' mansions in Florida, Texas and Georgia, another battleground State Mr. Biden narrowly won two years ago.

Votes were still being counted across the country, meaning Republicans could still emerge with control of both chambers of Congress. But there was no strong GOP surge, uplifting for Democrats who had braced for sweeping losses.

Democrats had faced historic headwinds. The party in power almost always suffers losses in the President's first midterm elections, but Democrats bet that anger from the Supreme Court's decision to gut abortion rights might energise their voters to buck historical trends.

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China sees opportunities and risks from 'divided' U.S.

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

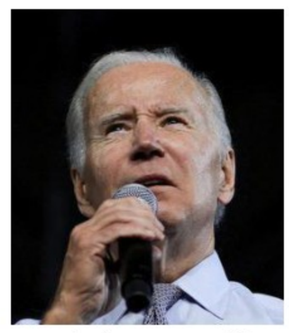
A closely contested midterm elections in the United States has been seen by strategic experts in rival China as underlining an increasingly divided country.

If divisions in America might ostensibly appear to pose benefits to Beijing amid its all-encompassing geopolitical rivalry with Washington, experts in the Chinese capital also fear escalating tensions given a broadly bipartisan consensus on a tougher approach to China.

"As can be seen from the experience of recent U.S. Presidents, after midterm election setbacks, they tend to be more active in foreign affairs, so the Biden administration is highly likely to do something that they think is in the vital strategic interests of voters to attract attention," the Communist Party-run *Global Times* quoted an unnamed strategic expert as saying.

Midterm woes

Noting that the Barack Obama White House had, a year after midterm setbacks, announced the killing of Osama bin Laden, while the Donald Trump administration released its Indo-Pacific Strategy report a year after its midterm woes, the expert said President Joe Biden "would also follow this route, perhaps further pushing the Indo-Pacific Strategy and solidifying the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework at the upcoming APEC summit" in Thailand next week.



A meeting between Joe Biden and Xi Jinping is on the cards.

Taiwan question

Diao Daming, an associate professor at the Renmin University in Beijing, described the political contest in the U.S. as "a bitter rat race".

"We are likely to see Republicans in Congress pushing for investigations into the incumbent Joe Biden, while at the local level Democrats continue to push for probes into Trump."

"Divergences between China and U.S. may be further amplified, while cooperation may weaken," Mr. Diao added, suggesting that "the Taiwan question a more prominent stumbling block in bilateral ties".

A meeting between Mr. Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping is on the cards at the G20 Summit in Indonesia next week, although there is little expectation of a major breakthrough on the many thorny issues straining ties.

Beijing slammed Democrat leader and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for visiting Taiwan in August, and has seen the Biden administration as broadly carrying forward Mr. Trump's approach to China amid widening rifts on issues ranging from trade and Taiwan to human rights in Xinjiang and most recently, export controls imposed by the U.S. on advanced microchips, which dealt a major blow to China's semiconductor industry.

Further rifts on Taiwan could soon follow. Mr. Xi, in the October Communist Party Congress, warned in strong language against external interference, even as Republican leader Kevin McCarthy, who may likely succeed Ms. Pelosi as House Speaker, has already pledged he will visit Taiwan.

Xi tells Chinese military to enhance troop training and war preparedness

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Chinese leader Xi Jinping has called on the Chinese military to "enhance troop training and combat preparedness" in his first visit to the military's joint operations command headquarters in his third term.

"The entire military should devote all its energy to and carry out all its work for combat readiness, enhance its capability to fight and win, and effectively fulfil its missions and tasks in the new era," said Mr. Xi, who in October began a third five-year term as leader of the Communist Party. Mr. Xi, at last month's Party Congress in Beijing, was also appointed chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC) for another term.

Mr. Xi on November 8 made his first visit in the new term to the joint operations command centre of the CMC. He said the world was "undergoing more profound changes unseen in a century" and "stressed that China's national security is facing increased instability and uncertainty, and its military tasks remain arduous".

Review time: Chinese President Xi Jinping inspects the CMC joint operations command centre on Wednesday. AP

He "instructed [the military leadership] to resolutely safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests", the official *Xinhua* news agency said.

Accompanying Mr. Xi was the new CMC leadership, which saw a reshuffle at the congress, where three Generals who have occupied key roles leading the Army in the Western Theatre Command (WTC), which borders India, received significant promotions to the CMC and to the Party Central Committee.

General He Weidong, 65, was named the new Vice-Chairman of the CMC. General Zhang Youxia, 72, a close associate of Mr. Xi, was confirmed for another term as Vice-Chairman.

General He was one of three PLA Generals promoted who were actively involved in the WTC. General He served as the Army (ground forces) Commander of the WTC from 2016 to 2019, a period spanning the 2017 Doklam crisis. He later headed the Eastern Theatre Command, which is responsible for Taiwan.

Also promoted was General Xu Qiling, 60, who was appointed as one of 205 members of the Party's Central Committee. He succeeded General He as WTC Army Commander in 2020 and was subsequently moved to the CMC's Joint Staff department. The current head of the WTC, General Wang Haijiang, 59, was also appointed to the Central Committee.

Russia orders troops out of Kherson

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russia ordered its troops to withdraw from the city of Kherson in southern Ukraine on Wednesday in a further major blow to its campaign amid a Ukrainian counter-offensive.

"Begin to pull out troops," Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said at a televised meeting with Russia's commander in Ukraine, Sergei Surovikin.

The commander had proposed the "difficult decision" of pulling back from the city and setting up defences on the eastern bank of the Dnipro River.

Kherson city was the first urban hub captured by Russia during its "special military operation" and the only regional capital controlled by Moscow's forces since the offensive began on February 24.

Ukraine sceptical

Ukraine's troops have for weeks been capturing villages en route to the city near the Black Sea and Kremlin-installed leaders in Kherson have been pulling out civilians.

But Ukraine responded with scepticism to the Russian announcement.

Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhaylo Podolyak said some Russian troops remained in the city.

"We see no signs that Russia is leaving Kherson without a fight," he said on Twitter.

Russia losing the Kherson region would return Ukraine important access to the Sea of Azov and leave President Vladimir Putin with little to show from a campaign.

The retreat will put pressure on Russian control of the rest of the Kherson region, which forms a land bridge from Russia to Crimea, the peninsula which Moscow annexed in 2014.

Car crash

Kherson was one of four Ukrainian regions that Russia declared it had annexed in September, shortly after being forced to withdraw from swathes of territory in the northeastern Kharkiv region.

The announcement of the retreat came just hours after officials said the Moscow-installed deputy head of the Kherson region, Kirill Stremousov, a key supporter of annexation, had died in a car crash.

Six killed in Nepal earthquake

Press Trust of India
KATHMANDU

At least six persons were killed in Nepal when a 6.6-magnitude earthquake struck the lower Himalayan region on Wednesday, leading to tremors rippling across parts of the country and north India. The National Earthquake Monitoring Centre said the quake was recorded at 2.12 a.m. The epicentre was in Doti district. Two moderate earthquakes preceded the stronger tremor.

U.K.'s Sunak says he 'regrets' appointing Williamson

Sriram Lakshman
LONDON

British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, under fire for appointing to his Cabinet Gavin Williamson, who is accused of "bullying", said he had regretted the decision.

Mr. Williamson, a Minister of State without portfolio, resigned on Tuesday night after angry texts he sent to former Conservative whip Wendy Morton, about not being invited to the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, became public over the weekend. Mr. Williamson faces a probe by the Conservative Party following a complaint from Ms. Morton.

"I obviously regret appointing someone who has had to resign in the circumstances," Mr. Sunak said at Prime Minister's Questions (PMQs) in the British Parliament on Wednesday, when questioned on the subject by Leader of the Opposition (Labour) Keir Starmer. "But I think what the British people would like to know is that when situations like this arise, that they will be dealt with properly," Mr. Sunak said.

Mr. Williamson has an alleged history of bullying. He is accused of asking a civil servant to slit their own throat and jump out of a window when he was U.K. Defence Secretary between November 2017 and May 2019.

Mr. Sunak had promised a government run on "integrity, professionalism and accountability".

The Prime Minister has also been under pressure for his re-appointment of Suella Braverman to the post of Home Secretary. Ms. Braverman had resigned from that position under the former Liz Truss government because she had breached security protocol while sending emails. She had also made controversial remarks about Britain's colonial past and had said it was her "dream" and "obsession" to see flights taking U.K. asylum seekers to Rwanda.

Her remarks on Indians being the largest group of visa overstayers had complicated the U.K.-India trade deal talks in the run-up to a *Deepavali* (October 24) deadline, by when an agreement was meant to have been finalised. Ms. Braverman had lent her support to Mr. Sunak when the latter had made a second bid for No.10 Downing Street in October and Mr. Sunak had re-appointed Ms. Braverman to her old position.

"It's a pattern with this Prime Minister," Mr. Starmer said in Parliament on Wednesday. "Too weak to sack the security threat that sat around the Cabinet table [i.e., Ms. Braverman]. Too weak to take part in a leadership contest after he lost the first one. Too weak to stand up for working people," he said.

INBRIEF

IOB raises interest rates on retail term deposits by 60 bps

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has raised interest rates on retail term deposits by up to 60 basis points (bps). With the revision in interest rates, domestic/NRO/NRE depositors would get an interest rate of up to 7.15% on a term deposit for tenors of 444 days, and three years and above, the public sector lender said. The revision would take effect from Thursday. Interest rates have been increased by 60 bps for term-deposit tenors of 270 days to one year and one to three years.

'Over 82% executives see rise in cybersecurity budgets in '23'

More than 82% of business executives in India foresee an increase in cybersecurity budgets in 2023, with 77% of them viewing cybercriminal activity as the biggest organisational threat, according to a PwC survey. According to the '2023 Global Digital Trust Insights-India edition,' one in four companies (27%) globally has suffered a data breach that cost $1-20 million or more in the past three years. The survey includes 3,522 respondents across 65 countries.

Centre approves Sovereign Green Bond framework

The government has excluded nuclear power and large hydropower projects exceeding 25 MW from the ambit of investments to be made through the issuance of sovereign green bonds, as per the framework approved by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday. The Budget had announced a plan to issue green bonds as part of the government's overall market borrowings this year, with the proceeds to be deployed in public sector projects 'which help in reducing the carbon intensity of the economy.'

'Rupee-settled trade suitable for export, obligation perks'

Commerce Ministry says changes introduced for granting export benefits and incentives, as well as Fulfilment of Export Obligation norms for importers, for export realisations made in rupees

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre has expanded the norms for incentives and export obligations under the Foreign Trade policy to cover foreign trade transactions settled in rupees, the Commerce Ministry said on Wednesday.

In July, the RBI and the Directorate General of Foreign Trade had carried out amendments in the Foreign Trade policy and trade settlement procedures to enable the use of the rupee for invoicing, payment and settlement of export, import dues.

The ministry said that changes have now been introduced for granting export benefits and incentives as well as for meeting Fulfilment of Export Obligation norms for importers, for export realisations made in Indian rupees.

Fillip for ₹ trade

Transactions settled in Indian currency qualify for perks

- Ministry says policy tweaks aimed at facilitating international trade transactions in rupees
- EEPC chairman says move signals the 'internationalisation of the domestic currency'
- "These are early steps towards 100% convertibility" of the rupee, remarks EEPC's Garodia

"Given the rise in interest in internationalisation of Indian rupee, the policy amendments have been undertaken to facilitate... international trade transactions in Indian rupees," the ministry said.

Engineering Export Promotion Council of India chairman Arun Kumar Garodia said allowing rupee trade settlement under the various export promotion schemes should help boost exports and signals the 'internationalisation of the domestic currency'.

"These are early steps towards 100% convertibility" of the rupee, he added.

The new norms for export realisation in Indian rupees cover schemes including imports for exports, Advance Authorisation and Duty Free Import Authorisation, and Realisation of Export Proceeds under Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme.

Govt. said to mull trimming spend for first time in 3 years

Reuters
NEW DELHI

Spending by the Indian government this fiscal year could be less than budgeted for the first time in three years, two sources with knowledge of the matter told Reuters, amid a push to meet a fiscal deficit target of 6.4% of GDP.

Total expenditure for FY23 could come in ₹700 billion-₹800 billion below the budgeted ₹39.45 trillion, the sources said.

Tata Motors Q2 loss narrows to ₹898 cr. on higher volumes

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Tata Motors Ltd. said consolidated net loss for the July-September quarter narrowed to ₹898.35 crore due to volume and margin expansion. The firm had logged a ₹4,415.54-crore loss in the year-ago period.

Total revenue from operations rose 29.7% to ₹79,611 crore. Tata Motors also announced its intent to delist its American De-

Automaker to delist ADS from NYSE, as liquidity, shareholder participation in India have risen over time

positary Shares from the New York Stock Exchange as the rationale for listing in 2004 had diminished with "increase in liquidity and foreign shareholder participation in the stock markets in India".

The Ramco Cements Q2 net tumbles 98% to ₹11 cr.

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The Ramco Cements Ltd. (RCL) reported standalone net profit for the second quarter plummeted 98% to ₹11 crore on account of an increase in cost of fuel and weak cement prices.

Total income rose by 19% to ₹1,793 crore. While the long-term prospects look promising, the short-term outlook is unclear due to geopolitical uncertainties, the firm said.

Facebook parent has been battling soaring costs and a weak advertising market. AP

Meta to cut more than 11,000 jobs in one of biggest U.S. layoffs this year

Reuters

Meta Platforms Inc. said on Wednesday it would let go of 13% of its workforce, or more than 11,000 employees, in one of the biggest tech lay-offs this year as the Facebook parent battles soaring costs and a weak advertising market.

The broad job cuts, the first in Meta's 18-year history, follow thousands of lay-offs at other major tech companies including Elon Musk-owned Twitter and Microsoft Corp.

Pandemic impact

The pandemic boom that boosted tech companies and their valuations has turned into a bust this year in the face of decades-high inflation and rapidly rising interest rates.

Meta, whose shares have lost more than two-thirds of their value, said it also plans to cut discretionary spending and extend its hiring freeze through the first quarter.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	61,034	-0.25
US Dollar	81.47	0.55
Gold	51,747	1.07
Brent oil	93.26	-6.00

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3997.20	36.60
Adani Ports	890.80	37.80
Apollo Hosp	4361.20	-2.60
Asian Paints	3086.50	-17.05
Axis Bank	873.70	0.75
Bajaj Auto	3739.55	-30.30
Bajaj Finserv	1752.70	-25.35
Bajaj Finance	7144.00	-46.05
Bharti Airtel	819.05	-3.65
BPCL	306.85	-2.90
Britannia Ind	4175.35	36.10
Cipla	1129.40	-1.50
Coal India	255.80	6.25
Divis Lab	3298.75	-115.80
Dr Reddys Lab	4534.90	49.45
Eicher Motors	3732.95	-22.20
Grasim Ind	1745.50	-29.70
HCL Tech	1053.45	6.30
HDFC	2503.50	-3.90
HDFC Bank	1508.35	-0.45
HDFC Life	531.75	-4.25
Hero MotoCorp	2651.50	30.45
Hindalco	417.10	-20.40
Hind Unilever	2508.80	-24.00
ICICI Bank	910.50	-7.00
IndusInd Bank	1149.00	4.85
Infosys	1511.20	3.75
ITC	360.70	7.20
JSW Steel	706.55	-3.45
Kotak Bank	1893.40	10.80
L&T	2003.50	-14.15
M&M	1337.55	-13.75
Maruti Suzuki	9253.50	-79.80
NestleIndia	20319.90	-160.35
NTPC	173.40	-2.45
ONGC	138.65	0.10
PowerGrid Corp	218.75	-9.25
Reliance Ind	2604.00	-2.60
SBI Life	1263.80	-14.85
State Bank	615.55	1.40
Sun Pharma	1013.55	-14.80
TataConsumerProduct	770.15	-2.00
Tata Motors	433.15	-1.85
Tata Steel	106.10	-0.60
TCS	3216.05	-17.65
Tech Mahindra	1028.70	-24.80
Titan	2718.10	-23.45
UltraTech Cement	6903.50	-70.00
UPL	753.60	5.15
Wipro	390.95	-0.55

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 09

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	81.24	81.56
Euro	81.68	82.00
British Pound	93.07	93.44
Japanese Yen (100)	55.75	55.97
Chinese Yuan	11.20	11.25
Swiss Franc	82.67	82.99
Singapore Dollar	58.04	58.28
Canadian Dollar	60.45	60.69
Malaysian Ringitt	17.31	17.40
Australian Dollar	52.53	52.74

Source:Indian Bank

Sport

Croatia retains veteran core in its football World Cup-bound squad

Associated Press
ZAGREB

The veteran core of Luka Modric, Ivan Perisic and Marcelo Brozovic were included in the 26-man team that Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic announced for the World Cup on Wednesday.

Croatia, a finalist in 2018, is in Group F with Belgium, Canada and Morocco for the tournament in Qatar.

Switzerland will take four goalkeepers to Qatar in a squad named on Wednesday with injury concerns over first-choice Yann Sommer and backup Jonas Omlin.

Mewanwhile England's right-back Reece James confirmed on Wednesday he had been ruled out of the World Cup, saying he was "devastated" at failing to overcome a knee injury.

The stalwarts: Croatia will bank on Modric and Perisic to do one better than the runner-up finish in Russia 2018. AFP

The 22-year-old was all set to be included in England's squad for Qatar until suffering the injury playing for Chelsea against AC Milan in the Champions League on October 11.

The squads: CROATIA: **Goalkeepers:** Dominik Livakovic, Ivica Ivusic, Ivo Grbic. **Defenders:** Domagoj Vida, Dejan Lovren, Borna Barisic, Josip Juranovic, Josko Gvardiol, Borna Sosa, Josip Stanisic, Martin Erlic, Josip Sutalo. **Midfielders:** Luka Modric, Mateo Kovacic, Marcelo Brozovic, Mario Pasalic, Nikola Vlasic, Lovro Majer, Kristijan Jakic, Luka Sucic. **Forwards:** Ivan Perisic, Andrej Kramaric, Bruno Petkovic, Mislav Orsic, Ante Budimir, Marko Livaja.

SWITZERLAND: Goalkeepers: Gregor Kobel, Philipp Kohn, Jonas Omlin, Yann Sommer. **Defenders:** Manuel Akanji, Eray Comert, Nico Elvedi, Edimilson Fernandes, Ricardo Rodriguez, Fabian Schar, Silvan Widmer. **Midfielders:** Michel Aebischer, Christian Fassnacht, Fabian Frei, Remo Freuler, Ardon Jashari, Fabian Rieder, Xherdan Shaqiri, Djibril Sow, Renato Steffen, Granit Xhaka, Denis Zakaria. **Forwards:** Breel Embolo, Noah Okafor, Haris Seferovic, Ruben Vargas.

Barcelona pulls further clear at the top of LaLiga

Agence France-Presse
PAMPLONA

Gerard Pique was sent off at half-time in his final match before retirement, seemingly for remonstrating with the referee, but Barcelona fought back to beat Osasuna 2-1 and move five points clear at the top of LaLiga on Tuesday.

The 35-year-old Pique, who waved goodbye to the Camp Nou last weekend, was incensed by referee Jesus Gil Manzano's decision to show Barca striker Robert Lewandowski a second yellow card just after the half-hour mark.

Napoli moved clear at the top of Serie A by beating Empoli 2-0 to claim its 10th straight league win.

Former Arsenal winger Serge Gnabry scored a hat-

The opener: Pedri scores Barcelona's first against Osasuna. AP

trick as Bayern Munich moved four points clear at the top of the Bundesliga with a dominant 6-1 win against Werder Bremen.

The results: LaLiga: Osasuna 1 (D. Garcia 6) lost to Barcelona 2 (Pedri 48, Raphinha 85). **Serie A:** Cremonese 0 drew with AC Milan 0; Napoli 2 (Lozano 69-pen, Zielinski 88) bt Empoli 0. **Bundesliga:** Wolfsburg 2 (van de Ven 6, Nmecha 90+1) bt Borussia Dortmund 0; Bayern Munich 6 (Musiala 6, Gnabry 22, 28, 82, Goretzka 26, Tel 84) bt Werder Bremen 1 (Jung 10); Bochum 2 (Antwi-Adjei 7, Hofmann 12) bt Borussia M'Gladbach 1 (Plea 62).

Mahendra Kumar Sharma.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The man who batted for women's cricket passes away

Sports Bureau

Mahendra Kumar Sharma, the man who batted for women's cricket in India, passed away in Pune on Tuesday. He was 75.

Sharma conducted India's first women's cricket tournament, in 1971 at Lucknow. Two years later, he formed the Women's Cricket Association of India, which organised the women's game until the BCCI took over in 2006.

Women's cricket in India is rapidly gaining in popularity, and it is set to become even bigger with the launch of the Women's IPL next year. Recently, the BCCI announced that the women's pay would match that of men for India's international games.

In his time, there was hardly any money in women's cricket. Once he had to sell a property of his in Lucknow to meet the expenses of promoting the game. The BCCI could consider instituting a trophy in his name for one of its women's tournaments.

Lovlina, Alfiya and Minakshi make the final in style

ASIAN BOXING

Sports Bureau

Olympic bronze medallist and two-time World championships bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain beat top-seeded Korean Suyeon Seong in the semifinals to reach the women's 75kg final of the Asian boxing championships in Amman on Wednesday.

Making her international debut in 75kg, Lovlina registered a comprehensive 5-0 victory over Suyeon, a 2010 Asian Games bronze medallist, to set up a title clash with 2021 Asian silver medallist Ruzmetova Shokiba of Uzbekistan.

For Lovlina, this was an improved showing upon her bronze medal finishes in 2017 and 2021 editions of the continental event.

Lovlina moved around well to land her punches from a long range. When the Korean stepped up her attack, the Indian ace replied with well-directed counters. With Suyeon hurting her arm in the final round, Lovlina dominated the proceedings and emerged the winner.

World youth champion and Elorda Cup gold medallist Alfiya Pathan, who began her journey from the semifinals in a depleted field featuring only three boxers, upset 2016 World champion Lazzat Kungeibayeva of Kazakhstan once again in four months in the last-four to enter the +81kg final.

Against an experienced and well-built opponent, Alfiya relied on her agility and accurate punching to record a 5-0 victory. She will take on Islam Husaili of the home country in the summit clash.

Later, National Games champion Minakshi (52kg) stunned Asian bronze medallist Lutsaikhan Altantsetseg of Mongolia 5-0 to reach the final.

The results (semifinals): Women: 52kg: Minakshi bt Lutsaikhan Altantsetseg (Mgl) 5-0; **57kg:** Preeti lost to Sena Irie (Jpn) 5-0; **66kg:** Ankushita Boro lost to Khamidova Navabakhor (Uzb) 4-1; **75kg:** Lovlina Borgohain bt Suyeon Seong (Kor) 5-0; **+81kg:** Alfiya Pathan bt Lazzat Kungeibayeva (Kaz) 5-0.

Lovlina. FILE PHOTO: V.V. KRISHNAN

IPL auction in Kochi on December 23

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The players auction for the next year's Indian Premier League (IPL) will be held in Kochi on December 23, a BCCI official said on Wednesday.

Istanbul, Bengaluru, New Delhi, Mumbai and Hyderabad were also in contention to host the auction but, the BCCI evenatually opted for the coastal Kerala city.

"Logistically, and considering the dates, Kochi turned out to be the most suited option," a BCCI official said.

Unlike the last auction, this year's will be a mini auction. The 10 IPL franchises have already been asked to submit their list of retained players by November 15.

Also, the salary cap is likely to be increased from ₹90 to ₹95 crore for the 2023 season.

BIG SPECTACLE

Hayden hopes for an India-Pakistan final

Pakistan team mentor Matthew Hayden wants to play the World Cup final against India purely for the sake of "big spectacle. "I would like to play India in the final purely because of the big spectacle," he said when asked which opponent he will choose for the final.

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE

Fifth straight win helps HFC consolidate lead at the top

Mohd. Yasir's 48th minute goal helped Hyderabad FC (HFC) beat host Jamshedpur FC 1-0 for its fifth straight win and consolidate its top spot in the Indian Super League on Wednesday. With 13 points, HFC is seven points clear of FC Goa.

TT WORLD RANKINGS

Sathiyan-Manika duo reaches a career-high fifth spot

The Indian mixed doubles pair of Manika Batra and G. Sathiyan moved up a place to reach a career-high fifth in the International Table Tennis Federation rankings on Tuesday. The duo had recently made the final of the WTT Contender in Slovenia.

BILLIE JEAN CUP

Putintseva, Rybakina power Kazakhstan past Britain

Kazakhstan defeated Great Britain 2-1 in the Billie Jean King Cup on Tuesday. Yulia Putintseva recovered to beat Katie Boulter 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 while Elena Rybakina dispatched Harriet Dart 6-1, 6-4. Rybakina and Anna Danilina lost 7-5, 6-3 to Olivia Nicholls and Alicia Barnett.

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE

Paltan pip Thalaivas in thriller, stay ahead

Puneri Paltan prevailed over Tamil Thalaivas 35-34 in a nail-biting finish in the Pro Kabaddi League in Pune on Wednesday. Paltan's Fazel Atrachali became the first player to score 400 tackle points in the league. Earlier, Bengaluru Bulls overcame Haryana Steelers 36-33.

Rizwan, Babar turn it on as spirited Pakistan storms into summit clash

The openers score half-centuries to tear apart a strong Black Caps' bowling attack; skipper Williamson terms the loss a 'tough pill to swallow'

T20 WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
SYDNEY

Mohammad Rizwan and Babar Azam slammed half-centuries as Pakistan powered past New Zealand by seven wickets and into the Twenty20 World Cup final on Wednesday.

Pakistan set the tone at the SCG with some razor-sharp fielding and disciplined bowling that restricted New Zealand to 152 for four. In front of a 36,443 strong crowd, mostly Pakistanis, Rizwan (57) and Babar (53) tore apart the Black Caps' strong bowling attack in a 105-run opening stand that sealed the deal.

Teams batting first had won five out of six games in this tournament and when Kane Williamson won the toss, he had no hesitation in asking Pakistan to bowl.

In an eventful opening over, Finn Allen hit Shaheen Afridi for four off the first delivery and was given out lbw off the next. The decision was overturned on review as there was an inside edge, but Afridi trapped Allen in front off the third delivery.

Opener Devon Conway was run out for 21 off a direct hit by Shadab Khan from mid-off and the Kiwis suffered a big blow when Glenn Phillips was caught and bowled by Mohammad Nawaz for six.

Daryl Mitchell and Williamson began taking more risks after reaching 59 for three at the 10-over mark. The first six of the innings came in the 13th over before Williamson was undone by an Afridi yorker when on 46. Mitchell remained unbeaten on 53 as 29 came off the final three overs. But 152 wasn't enough once Rizwan and Babar took over.

"It's a tough pill to swallow," he said. "I think if we want to be honest, we wanted to be more disciplined with our areas. Like I said, Pakistan deserved to win."

Babar, desperate for runs after scoring just 39 in five matches, was dropped first ball by wicketkeeper Conway off Trent Boult. But he found his rhythm as Pakistan raced to 55 for no loss in the PowerPlay.

"Thanks to the crowd," said Babar. "Feels like we are playing at home."

SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND
Finn Allen lbw b Afridi 4 *(3b, 1x4)*, Devon Conway run out 21 *(20b, 3x4)*, Kane Williamson b Afridi 46 *(42b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Glenn Phillips c & b Nawaz 6 *(8b, 1x4)*, Daryl Mitchell (not out) 53 *(35b, 3x4, 1x6)*, James Neesham (not out) 16 *(12b, 1x4)*; Extras (b-2, lb-4): 6; Total (for four wkts. in 20 overs): 152.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-4 (Allen, 0.3 ov), 2-38 (Conway, 5.6), 3-49 (Phillips, 7.6), 4-117 (Williamson, 16.2).

PAKISTAN BOWLING
Afridi 4-0-24-2, Naseem 4-0-30-0, Rauf 4-0-32-0, Wasim 2-0-15-0, Shadab 4-0-33-0, Nawaz 2-0-12-1.

PAKISTAN
Mohammad Rizwan c Phillips b Boult 57 *(43b, 5x4)*, Babar Azam c Mitchell b Boult 53 *(42b, 7x4)*, Mohammad Haris c Allen b Santner 30 *(26b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Shan Masood (not out) 3 *(4b)*, Iftikhar Ahmed (not out) 0 *(0b)*; Extras (b-4, lb-3, w-3): 10; Total (for three wkts. in 19.1 overs): 153.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-105 (Babar, 12.4), 2-132 (Rizwan, 16.6), 3-151 (Haris, 18.6).

NEW ZEALAND BOWLING
Boult 4-0-33-2, Southee 3.1-0-24-0, Ferguson 4-0-37-0, Santner 4-0-26-1, Sodhi 4-0-26-0.

Toss: NZ; **MoM:** Rizwan.
Pakistan won by seven wickets with five balls to spare.

Steering the ship: Rizwan combined with Babar to script a smooth chase for Pakistan. GETTY IMAGES

India's batting might against England's pace battery

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

Bright sunshine dappling on grass, a cathedral lending a solemn air, ducks preferring the slow-life on River Torrens that skirts around the Adelaide Oval and out in the middle, the roller was pressing the turf. This was the calm before the storm as the venue geared up for Thursday's ICC Twenty20 World Cup semifinal.

Riveting backstory

India and England throw up historical threads harking back to the Empire-colony duopoly, spice-trade, tea and the plunder of the Kohinoor. And the cricketing backstory is equally riveting.

Be it the triumph over the host in the 1983 World Cup semifinal in England; or Graham Gooch sweeping India away in the 1987 World Cup semifinal at Mumbai, Bombay then; or Yuvraj Singh launching Stuart Broad for six sixes in an over during the inaugural 2007 ICC World Twenty20 in South Africa, this is a rivalry that had its moments in white-ball cricket.

Extreme pressure

Another chapter will be added when Rohit Sharma and Jos Buttler step out for the toss.

A semifinal will usher in extreme pressure as knockouts always unleash a thousand butterflies in queasy stomachs.

India has the momentum, riding on batting supremacy and largely effective bowlers while England bats deep and has the pacers to test the best.

At Wednesday's prematch nets, while former England captain, doughty opener and acclaimed sports writer Michael Atherton watched, Virat Kohli flexed his bat and unleashed a few shots.

In another corner reserve-player Shardul Thakur employed the slog-sweep against R. Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal.

The management was factoring in the venue's short-square boundaries and letting the spinners get a feel of what may be in store. A few fans walked in, a conch was blown and the India-vibe was in vogue.

Whether leg-spinner Chahal will get a game is yet to be known while there is also the option of stretching the batting at the expense of Axar Patel.

It is also an indication of how far Suryakumar Yadav has progressed that no press-conference gets a sense of closure until one of the correspondents raises a question about his fearless batting.

Meanwhile, England has its share of selection headaches as Dawid Malan looks doubtful following an injury and Mark Wood has a niggle. The batting hasn't fired in unison and even Ben Stokes found his runs only in the last game involving Sri Lanka.

Ploughing on

However, it is creditable that England overcame the shock-loss to Ireland and ploughed on to reach the last-four stage.

Left-arm seamer and all-rounder Sam Curran and Buttler, if he gets a start like Bangladesh's Litton Das did, can affect the best-laid plans of the Men in Blue.

The weather could play a role too as briefly some clouds rolled in while Rohit's men did their fielding drills.

But overall there is a feel of a summer that demands wide-brimmed hats and out on the field, the rivals will try to grab their own share of the sun and sparkle their way into Sunday's climax at Melbourne.

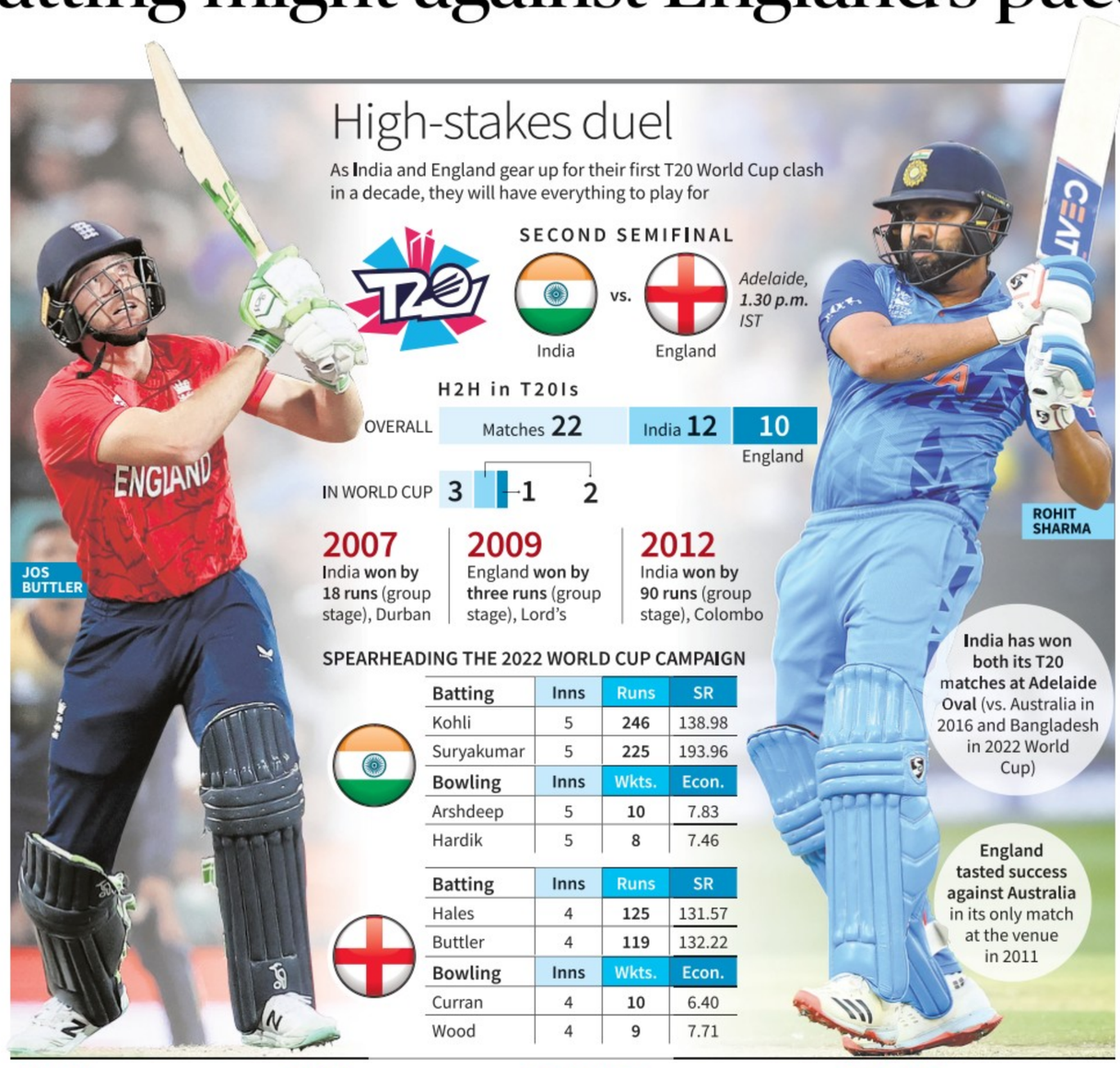
The teams (from).

India: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Dinesh Karthik (wk), Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Deepak Hooda, R. Ashwin, Mohammed Shami, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Axar Patel, Yuzvendra Chahal, Harshal Patel and Arshdeep Singh.

England: Jos Buttler (Capt.), Alex Hales, Harry Brook, Phil Salt, Ben Stokes, Moeen Ali, Chris Woakes, Adil Rashid, Liam Livingstone, Sam Curran, Tymal Mills, Mark Wood, David Willey, Chris Jordan and Dawid Malan.

Umpires: Kumar Dharmasena and Paul Reiffel.

TV umpire: Chris Gaffaney;
Match referee: David Boon.
Match starts at 1.30 p.m. IST.



GRAPHIC: A. GANESHAN

Surya hates playing on small grounds as he can't see the gaps: Rohit

Go-to man: Skipper Rohit will look to Suryakumar to deliver the goods yet again. GETTY IMAGES

K.C. Vijaya Kumar
ADELAIDE

Suryakumar Yadav is the flavour of the cricketing season and inevitably a question about him was raised to Rohit Sharma. The Indian skipper was speaking to the media here on Wednesday, a prelude to Thursday's ICC Twenty20 World Cup semifinal against England.

Rohit had a fine input on Suryakumar's approach: "He likes to bat in a similar fashion whether we are 10 for two or 100 for two. He hates playing on small grounds because he can't see the gaps. I believe that he likes to see big gaps (in big grounds), and that's where his strength is."

While he refused to be drawn into selection debates around Rishabh Pant, Dinesh Karthik and Axar Patel, the Indian captain reiterated the semifinal as another opportunity for India to push its trophy-pursuit in ICC events. "It's been a long process and it's important not to get ahead of ourselves, we have to play good cricket to win," Rohit said while also terming England as a 'dangerous' team.

As for the Adelaide Oval, Rohit said: "It is one ground where you have to go back and understand what sort of tactics you want. The last game we played in Melbourne, but here it is completely different and the side boundaries are a little shorter."

Earlier, Jos Buttler, while conceding that India is a strong outfit, also insisted on the confidence within his ranks. "Historically if you look at the stats, it shows about 165 being the par score here, but I am not interested in a par score, I am interested in a winning score," the England skipper said.

When queried about his vulnerabilities against Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Buttler countered: "There are always certain bowlers that you potentially find harder than others. I certainly don't fear anyone." And as for Suryakumar, the skipper praised the batter and then added: "As with any batsman, it takes one chance to create a wicket."

INBRIEF

Senegal forward Sadio Mane's injury 'not too bad'

Senegal forward Sadio Mane's leg injury is "not too bad", Bayern Munich assistant coach Dino Toppmoeller said on Tuesday. Mane was substituted early in Bayern's home match against Werder Bremen with an injury to his leg. The injury gave rise to fears that the two-time African Footballer of the Year may not be fit for the start of Senegal's World Cup campaign.

Zverev eyeing a December return from ankle injury

Former World No. 2 Alexander Zverev is planning a return to the courts, after a serious ankle injury, for December 8-10's Diriyah Tennis Cup in Saudi Arabia, his brother and manager Mischa said on Wednesday.

Uttar Pradesh to host 2023 Khelo India University Games

Uttar Pradesh will host the 2023 Khelo India University Games, the third edition of the event. The event will comprise nearly 20 disciplines and Lucknow will be the main host city.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 8.30 a.m.
Tamil Nadu vs Bangladesh XI: 3rd ODI, FanCode, 9 a.m.
Men's T20 World Cup: (2nd semifinal): Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.30 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 3 & SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Friday)
LaLiga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 11.30 p.m. & 2 a.m. (Friday)

Savita to lead India in FIH Nations Cup

Veteran defender Deep Grace Ekka will be her deputy while Navjot makes a comeback after missing the Commonwealth Games

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NEW DELHI

India named a 20-member team on Wednesday for the Women's FIH Nations Cup hockey tournament in Valencia from December 11 to 17 with midfielder Navjot Kaur making a return after missing out on the Commonwealth Games earlier this year.

Goalkeeper Savita Punia will continue to lead while veteran defender Deep Grace Ekka will be her deputy.

The FIH Women's Nations Cup is an important fixture as the champion of this tournament will be promoted to the FIH Women's Pro League 2023-2024 season.

India is in Pool B along with Chile, Japan and South Africa while Pool A consists of Ireland, Italy, Korea and Spain.

Opener against Chile

India will open their campaign against Chile on the opening day of the tournament.

In the mix: Navjot will don the India colours once again. FILE PHOTO

Young forward Beauty Dungdung is all set to make her international debut at the tournament while the experienced Navjot Kaur returns to the squad after missing the Birmingham Commonwealth Games due to COVID-19 infection.

The Indian women finished an impressive third in their maiden outing in the 2021-22 FIH Pro League, behind Argentina and the Netherlands.

The upcoming tournament will provide the Indians an opportunity to qualify for FIH Pro League 2023-2024 season.

The team:

Goalkeepers: Savita (capt.), Bichu Devi Kharibam;
Defenders: Deep Grace Ekka (vice-capt.), Gurjit Kaur, Nikki Pradhan, Udita, Ishika Chaudhary.
Midfielders: Nisha, Salima Tete, Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, Monika, Neha, Sonika, Jyoti, Navjot Kaur.
Forwards: Vandana Katariya, Lalremsiami, Navneet Kaur, Sangita Kumari, Beauty Dungdung.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Prasanna hits two as FC Deccan wins big

Prasanna Kumar scored a brace as FC Deccan blanked Bangalore Eagles 4-0 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Wednesday.

The results:

MEG & Center FC 1 (K. Sukesh Leon 28) drew with Kickstart FC 1 (A. Arun 90+6).

FC Deccan 4 (Shelton Nickson 9, Prasanna Kumar 58, 61, Harsh S. Utekar 85) bt Bangalore Eagles FC 0.

Bopanna nets for Dynamites United HC

A. Bopanna scored twice in Dynamites United HC's 2-1 win over Naveen HC 'B' in the KSHA C-division hockey league here on Wednesday.

The results: Dynamites United HC 2 (A. Bopanna 11, 14) bt Naveen HC 'B' 1 (Sharath 49).

East India HC 3 (Shareen 7, Premmaiah 24, 48) bt Bosch SC 0.

Raghuram Bhat to take over as KSCA president

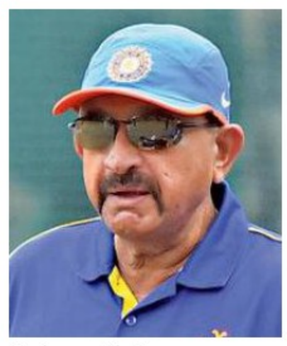
CRICKET

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Former India cricketer Raghuram Bhat will assume the post of president of the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), it was announced on Wednesday.

Raghuram and the rest of the office-bearers were elected unopposed for the 2022/23 to 2024/25 term. Raghuram, who played two Tests, had earlier served as the State senior selection committee chairman.

A. Shankar takes charge as secretary, replacing Santosh Menon. Shahvir Tarapore has retained his role as Joint Secretary.



Raghuram Bhat.

M.S. Hegde served as the KSCA Electoral Officer. The scrutiny of nominations took place on Monday, while the now redundant elections was scheduled to be held on November 20.

Office bearers: President: Raghuram Bhat; **vice president:** B.K. Sampath Kumar; **secretary:** A. Shankar; **joint secretary:** Shahvir Tarapore; **treasurer:** E.S. Jairam.
Managing Committee: Institutional members category: Bangalore zone: M.S. Keshava (rep. Swastic Union CC), K.V. Manjunath Raju (Hammonds CC), M.S. Vinay (Friends Union CC); **Mysore:** Hari Krishna (National CC); **Shivamogga:** H.S. Sadananda (Durgigudi CC); **Tumkur:** K. Shashidhar (Venus CC); **Dharwad:** Nikhil Bhusad (BDK Sports Foundation); **Raichur:** Sujit Bohara (City XI); **Mangalore:** Rathan Kumar (Mangalore CC)
Life members category: Sanjai Poll, N.N. Yuvaraj.

New Delhi to host women's World championship next year

BOXING

Sports Bureau
NEW DELHI

Gold medallists at the Women's World Boxing Championship to be staged in the capital next year will be awarded $100,000.

The president of the International Boxing Association (IBA) Umar Kremlev and the president of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) Ajay Singh, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Wednesday to seal the deal.

Reigning World champion Nikhat Zareen, who was present on the occasion, said she was "super excited" about the chance to defend her title at home.

"Hosting an event of this stature is prestigious and would inspires millions of young girls. The countdown has already begun and I am looking forward to defending my title here in Delhi", said Nikhat.

Addressing the media, the IBA president said that he was happy with the maiden visit to India.

"India is very passionate about boxing. Conducting the World Championship here will be the perfect opportunity to celebrate the innumerable victories as well as inspire many more women to take up the sport. BFI has worked efficiently to develop boxing in the region. I am sure they will stage an event to remember", said Kremlev.

The Worlds will have a prize purse of $2.4 million.

"We are delighted with the chance to host the World Championship. A tournament of this stature helps empower women in India, giving them the belief to take up sports", said Ajay Singh.

Indians have clinched 39 medals in the Worlds, including 10 gold, with Mary Kom herself claiming six gold, a silver and a bronze in her glittering career.